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June 25, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I have worked in Security for the Air Force and understand it enough to be aware that communism is dangerous and that it is infiltrating our country. According to passages in the records of the hearings in the House Un-American Activities you have made statements about infiltration into the National Council of Churches. It is also mentioned in "Masters of Deceit" I believe. Therefore, I am somewhat puzzled about the statements made by Mr. Sullivan of the FBI who is traveling around the country making statements that lead the people to be lulled to sleep, because according to him, there is no cause for alarm. After he leaves, they all turn to each other and say, "Well, if the FBI feels it is all right, we have nothing to worry about." So they go back into their state of apathy. This state of apathy is what I feel is dangerous. As a citizen who is concerned about our country and our freedom, please explain this to me --- why is Mr. Sullivan doing this. Is it not better for our people to know what the truth is, and to cooperate in not only facing the facts, but trying to clean up the situation? Tell me also, what can we do as citizens to combat this Communist invasion? Shouldn't the press acknowledge it openly? Does it suit the FBI better to keep it quiet? So many of us could help but we need guidance as to how. I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

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Pan American World Airways, Inc.
135 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your note,
with enclosures, postmarked June 28 and
want to take this opportunity to thank you
for your thoughtfulness in making a copy
of this article available to me.

Sincerely,

Edgar

NOTE: [Redacted] is on the Special Correspondents' List on a first name basis. [Redacted] sent the Director a copy of an article entitled "Special Report To All Church League Supporters," which was published by the Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois. This article is critical of UPI Correspondent Louis Cassels and the recent article he wrote concerning communist infiltration of our churches and the recent remarks made by into Religion Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in this regard. It is noted this article is also critical of Mr. Sullivan. [Redacted] apparently received this from one [Redacted] Bufiles reflect [Redacted] is an extremely wealthy individual. One source has stated that his chief interests were drinking, entertaining and chasing women. [Redacted] has made critical remarks regarding speech given by Mr. Sullivan. [Redacted] note read, "Edgar-- [Redacted] never gives up. Best regards [Redacted]"

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(June 29, 1961)

From the desk of [redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover

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Best regards,

/s/ [redacted]

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July 3, 1961

[Redacted]
Tucson, Arizona

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 25 has been received, and the concern prompting your communication is appreciated.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by William C. Sullivan.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some additional material that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Series of Christianity Today
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

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NOTE: Her questions regarding the press and whether it suits the FBI better to keep information quiet regarding communist infiltration of churches are being ignored. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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July 5, 1961

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[Redacted]

Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of June 27, and the concern prompting your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, our position on this subject has not changed over the years. We have continuously urged public-spirited citizens to oppose communism, emphasizing that this opposition must be careful, constructive, positive and within the due process of law. While infiltration of religious groups as well as other established institutions has been and will continue to be a prime target of the communists, fortunately, there has been no substantial penetration in religious institutions.

Our representatives who have spoken on this subject have been unmistakably clear on this point. In this respect, I am enclosing an address, given by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, on this topic, along with other material that you may desire to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I am confused and would very much appreciate your setting me straight in my thinking. *Communist Infiltration Into Religion*

For years I have been reading reports of committees which have had before them men and women who have been members (bona fide) of the Communist Party who have testified as to the infiltration of Communists into the Clergy; there have also been agents who have learned through actual participation that there are, indeed, communists among the Clergy.

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I understand that now you are sending a Mr. Sullivan around to as many churches which will receive him to tell the congregations that there is no such thing as communist infiltration in the churches.

This makes me very happy, if true, for it is quite obvious that the best place to spread the communist line is in the House of God. The American people are very gullible and if their preacher tells them that there is a real flesh and blood Santa Claus who does come down the chimney, then they will surely believe it. The Communists know this about us naive Americans and they could certainly accomplish their purpose through ministers. And, of course, knowing the enemy's subtle mind as well as you do, you know that this method of infiltration would be a source of great hilarity to the Reds. You will recall Lenin's words about the churches, I am sure:

"WE WILL FIND OUR MOST FERTILE FIELD FOR INFILTRATION OF MARXISM WITHIN THE FIELD OF RELIGION, BECAUSE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE ARE THE MOST GULLIBLE AND WILL ACCEPT ALMOST ANYTHING IF IT IS COUCHED IN RELIGIOUS TERMINOLOGY."

The Communists would be very happy if the fears of Americans were lulled concerning their ^{the Reds,} most effective method of insinuating their poison into the minds of the people, especially while all the time they are receiving the duped public's MONEY.

However, your latest pronouncements regarding communism in the churches, and your sending Mr. Sullivan to lull the fears of the people does not square with your utterances in your book "MASTERS OF DECEIT".

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I wonder if it would be possible to obtain from you something more than a mimeographed letter giving your position on the infiltration of communists in the churches. And please answer the question which is bothering me most: ARE WE NOW TO FEEL THAT THE GREAT BURDEN OF FEAR OF COMMUNISM CAN BE LIFTED FROM OUR MINDS? I do hope that you in your position of authoritative knowledge can give us some hope that we little people can go on about our business and forget about the communist menace. After all, we do have men in both Houses of Congress who are fighting with all their might to keep collectivism out of our American life; they are guarding our money zealously and do not pass bills calling for one penny that could be said to be spent toward socialization of America.

But please, we want a word from you so that we may feel equally sure about ALL OF OUR MINISTERS.

Respectfully,

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June 30, 1961.

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Coral Gables, Fla.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am enclosing a weekly paper published by the White Temple Methodist Church. It states that F.B.I. Chief Inspector Wm. C. Sullivan has been sent by you to make speeches in many parts of the nation "warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds."

The type of propaganda promulgated in this article is calculated to lull an already apathetic populace into a state of complacent somnolence.

Can you clear this matter up for me? I think it of the utmost importance.

Sincerely yours,

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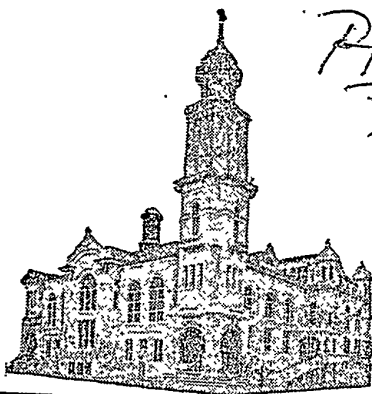
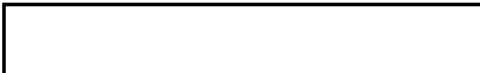
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RED INFILTRATION IN CHURCHES?

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed vigilantes, worried about Communists in American pulpits, may be playing into Communist hands.

During the past few weeks, Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds. "These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan says. "But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions in a national scale."

Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters who wrote to him protesting Sullivan's speeches. "The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks. They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

National attention has recently been focused on charges by the John Birch Society that communism has made substantial inroads on the American clergy. Christianity and communism stand in the same relationship as yes and no, white and black, the North Pole and the South Pole. They are categorical opposites. Christianity affirms the sovereignty of God. Communism denies the existence of God, and values the individual only as an instrument and servant of the state.

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist at the same time. Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba. In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics. Communists undoubtedly have tried in the past to infiltrate the churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy. They have learned that this is easier said than done. As a practical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U. S. church life.

But although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so. The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

Louis Cassels, UPI, U.S.
Jacksonville Journal, April 29, 1961

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July 7, 1961

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Coral Gables, Florida

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 30, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

With response to the article you forwarded, I would like to emphasize what Mr. Sullivan said by reiterating that the communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society including our religious institutions. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has made no substantial penetration into our religious organizations. Our churches will continue, however, to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions.

I feel most strongly that members of the Communist Party and its sympathizers in the United States represent a threat to our future security, and all patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it whenever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. We must avoid the danger of confusing communism with legitimate dissent on controversial issues. The erroneous imputation of communism aids the communist cause by dividing and weakening our people when they need to be united and strong.

In view of your interest, enclosed is some material which you may wish to read. Included in this data is an outline of the talk given by Mr. Sullivan to which you made reference.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA 7-3-1-60

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

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Valley Minister

Pastors Call Incident at Rally 'Tragic' Healed Words Fly at 'Freedom' Rally Claims Intimidation After Leaving Meeting, Police Will Guard Church

By RON RIEDER

Conflict Occurs as Policies of National Council Challenged

Valley ministers, commenting on an incident at a Faith and Freedom rally held by the American Council of Christian Churches of California, at which a Valley pastor reportedly was threatened, "have labeled the incident "a tragic situation" and "extremely unfortunate."

The local ministers also criticized the fact that a person attending a "free and open meeting" did not have the opportunity to speak or ask questions.

The Rev. La Verne W. Linnerson, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Woodland Hills, who attempted to speak at the meeting, allegedly was told outside the meeting place:

"You had better leave if you want to leave in one piece."

Speakers at the rally were challenging policies of the National Council of the Churches of Christ of the U.S.A.

Following are quotes by the local ministers:

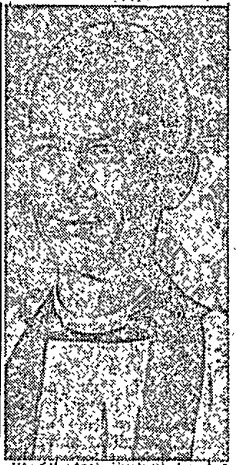
Rev. Grant B. Yeatman, First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills, said, "I do not appreciate the fact

Police will be on standby for trouble at a Woodland Hills church today following reports that a group of hecklers may try to disrupt the worship service as a "revenge" move against the minister. The Rev. La Verne W. Linnerson, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 5312 Commero Way, incurred the wrath of a group attending a Faith and Freedom Rally sponsored by the American Council of Christian Churches of California. The rally was held Friday night at Canoga Park High School and featured talks by three Southland ministers.

Outside the school auditorium, the minister allegedly was told, "You had better leave if you want to leave in one piece."

According to a report filed yesterday at the West Valley police station, Rev. Linnerson was threatened outside the meeting room where he had attempted to ask a question.

The pastor said he was disturbed by statements made rapping policies of the National Council of the Churches of Christ of the U.S.A. (The National Council of the Churches of Christ of the U.S.A. embraces over 39,000,444 Christians from 29 denominations. The American Council of Christian Churches of California claims a membership of 1,500,000 from 17



Rev. L. W. LINNERTSON Tells Threat at Rally. ACCC thought of the manner which J. Edgar Hoover is handling the Communists in the U.S. One of the speakers, the Rev. John L. Janbaz of the

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that a person attending a free
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such as this one they should
have freedom to speak.

"I have heard of the Ameri-
can Council before and feel
they take any small thing
and blow it up completely out
of proportion."

Rev. Walter K. Robie, St.
Marks Presbyterian Church
of Van Nuys:

"I believe that the National
Council of Churches of Christ
is a representative body which
has stood firmly against com-
munistism."

"There have been various
religious groups, normally
representing fundamentalist
sects, which have charged the
National Council as having
Communist leanings."

"These charges are ill-
founded and are usually based
on 'guilt by association.'"

"The real issue is not com-
munistism in the churches, for
the National Council of
Churches and its member de-
nominations are clearly op-
posed to communism."

"The real issue is theologi-
cal conflict over the doctrine
of the church, and these
groups are using the lever of
communism to bolster their
shopworn tirade of 'heresy
and apostasy' within the Pro-
testant denomination."

Rev. L. S. Cook, First
Southern Baptist Church of
Canoga Park.

"This is a tragic situation."
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Cyclist Injured in Crash; Pasadena Woman Booked

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denominations who have
come out of the major de-
nominations as a protest
against liberalism.

Rev. Linnerson told West
Valley officer Carl Hatter he
stood up after the second
speaker had concluded and
asked if there was to be a
question and answer period.

The chairman, the Rev.
John A. Dekker, pastor of
the Bible Presbyterian
Church of North Holly-
wood, told the West-Valley
clergyman no question
period had been scheduled.

The Woodland Hills pastor
then announced he wished
to ask one question and he
told police "when the audi-
ence began to shout 'let him
be heard,' the chairman re-
lent and he was allowed
to speak."

Rev. Linnerson asked what

Highland, Cal., president of
ACCC was chosen to answer.
He said the organization
was behind Hoover.

Rev. Linnerson then
asked if he could read
statement by Hoover at-
tacking ACCG and other
"vigilante" groups.

At this point the chairman
reportedly announced there
was no time for this type of
discussion.

Rev. Linnerson told police
someone at the rear of the
hall stood up and asked him:
"Are you a minister? Who
are you?"

The Lutheran minister told
the gathering who he was
and reported there was some
heckling and the "man in the
back" told him to leave.

The pastor said, "20 or more
persons left with me and out."
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ATTENDS WAR COLLEGE

U.S. Navy League Names Publisher as Nat'l Director

"On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I have
the honor to inform you that you were elected a Na-
tional Director of the Navy League of the United
States at the annual meeting of the Navy League held
in Washington, D.C., on May 26."

This message had been re-
ceived today by Ferdinand
Mendenhall, of Van Nuys,
from the executive secretary
of the Navy League at its na-
tional headquarters in Wash-
ington.

Locally, he is vice president
of Beverly Hills, Council of
the Navy League.

Occupied in Pentagon
"I particularly value this
honor," the new director



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National Council Represents Over 39,000,000 Christians

The National Council of the Churches of Christ of the U.S.A., object of an all-out attack by the American Council of Christian Churches of California, represents over 39,000,000 Christians of 29 denominations throughout the country.

It was formed on Nov. 29, 1950, with the merging of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Home Missions Council of North America, International Council of Religious Education, Missionary Education Movement in the U.S. and Canada, National Protestant Council on Education, United Council of Church Women and the United Stewardship Council.

The offices of the National Council are located in New York.

The American Council of Christian Churches of California, with headquarters at 450 N. Ave. 64, Pasadena, was founded by Dr. Carl McIntire. They claim a membership

of 1,500,000 made up of 17 denominations who have come out of the major denominations "as a protest against liberalism."

GOP DROPS REDISTRICTING REFERENDUM

Local Republican leaders have dropped a plan to seek a decision on redistricting at the polls.

The Los Angeles County Republican central committee's executive committee decided seeking a referendum on the Democrats' program to reshape State Assembly and Congressional Districts would be "an impractical approach."

The meeting at GOP headquarters, 914 S. Olive St., followed an emergency gathering of County Chairmen from all parts of the state at San Francisco Airport June 14.

Report Threat to Minister Here

Continued from Page One

side the school they gathered around me and asked me to read the Hoover statement."

During the reading, he told police, two men told him to move on.

A woman told him he had had seen "this fellow before and he is up to no good."

The man referred to heard her and reportedly said, "Yes, you had better leave if you want to leave in one piece."

Another pastor who attended the meeting is the Rev. Stanley F. George of the First Presbyterian Church of Canoga Park.

Rev. George remained at the meeting after Rev. Linnerson's departure and quoted the third speaker of the evening, pastor M. H. Reynolds Sr. of Grace Fundamental Church of Los Angeles, as having invited those at the meeting to go to the Woodland Hills church during the Sunday worship service and "ask questions."

Rev. Reynolds has denied he asked anyone to go to the church.

"The pastor demanded his right to speak," Rev. Reynolds said.

"I simply told the gathering that they would see how he appreciated someone standing up in his church on Sunday and asking to speak when he was preaching."

Rev. Reynolds charged Rev. Linnerson was "trying to make a sounding board out of the ushers that he refrain from speaking, the brother proceeded to speak in a loud voice."

"It became obvious that the pastor was out of order. He was told his questions have been answered many times in print."

Rev. Reynolds noted that earlier in the meeting another "heckler" had been asked to leave the meeting when he insisted on asking a question during the salute to the flag.

"He appeared to be drunk and yelled 'my pastor is in the hall' as he left," the ACCC official said.

Friday night's rally was announced through a series of handbills and press releases. Announced topics for the three speakers were:

"Is There Communism in the Churches?" by Rev. Janbaz.

"Pro Castro Activities in the National Council of Churches?" by Rev. J. Benton Bell, pastor of the Regular Baptist Church of Rialto, Cal., and former missionary to the Belgian Congo.

"The Responsibilities and Privileges of a Christian Patriot" by Rev. Reynolds.

"The handbills proclaimed the meeting was called 'in response to requests from residents in the Valley area."

The press releases announced:

"The three speakers will deliver addresses dealing with different aspects of the Communist infiltration and use of the churches, especially within the National Council of the Churches of Christ and in the World Council of Churches."

It added that among the questions about the NCC to be answered are its support of recognition of Red China, abolition of the House un-American activities committee, suppression of the Air Force training map, cooperation with Red church leaders and peaceful coexistence with communism.

Dr. Carl Segerhammer, president of the California Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Churches and an alternate delegate to the National Council of Churches, refuted each of the ACCC charges.

He pointed out that recognition of Red China has never been advocated by NCC.

"A division of the national body, meeting in Cleveland, advocated the recognition and has presented this to the national group which has not reached any decision on it," Dr. Segerhammer stated.

He denied any action of any

kind on the House un-American Activities committee.

The prominent Southland churchman said, a statement in the Air Force manual suggesting that many church officials were associated with communism has been retracted and an apology extended to the NCC.

He said the cooperation with Red church leaders probably arises from the claim that the Russian Orthodox Church will make application for membership in the World Council of World Churches at the next meeting of that group in New Delhi.

Dr. Segerhammer claimed the ACCC's main purpose since its founding has been to "take potshots" at the NCC and the World Council.

Rev. Reynolds stated the purpose of ACCC as being "to maintain the faith and expose liberalism and unbelieving of the NCC."

He maintained that many pastors "have been brainwashed" and ACCC aims to expose them.

Rev. Janbaz denied that ACCC has ever called the NCC a Communist organization.

"We have maintained NCC seems to stand for all that the Communists do," the ACCC head said.

Rev. Janbaz said his organization answered an appeal by Bishop Gerald Kennedy, past president of the Council of Methodist Bishops, for the names of Communist clergymen by supplying names and documented proof.

Despite this, Rev. Janbaz said, the Bishop announced he has received no answers to his plea.

Of the Canoga Park incident, Rev. Janbaz said, "We hired the hall. It is our meeting."

He said the program with three speakers and the salute to the flag was long and there was no time for questions.

He announced the group is pleased with the response and announced more Valley rallies are planned in the fall.

Pastors Call Incident at Rally 'Tragic'

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It is indeed unfortunate especially when the mob spirit overcomes people.

"We are not affiliated with either group and plan no opposition to the National Council as the American Council evidently is doing. I have never heard of the American Council before."

Rev. Brooks R. Walker, Emerson Unitarian Church, Canoga Park, who attended the rally.

"Personally, I was sorry to see religion used as a means of encouraging a rather narrow false patriotism."

Rev. Reynolds stated the "It is this kind of drum beating and flag waving which may have the effect of undermining our deeper loyalties and more genuine patriotism."

"The tendency of the ACCC to label every Protestant leader from Eugene Carson Blake to G. Bromley Oxman as pro-Communist seems to me a rather poor way of shouting down men of good faith in the name of patriotism, when the real problem is over theology."

"But then people are not inclined to get upset over alleged heresy. We all recognize the need for a high regard for our constitutional freedoms but let us work for their preservation in harmony and mutual respect."

Dr. Walter H. Staves, Congregational Church of the Chinese in Van Nuys.

"I think any minister should have the right to speak in such a situation, but I don't feel it would be right for me to comment about this specific instance, since I am not fully informed about it."

"There has been much criticism of the National Council lately, mainly from the John Birch Society. We, however, agree with J. Edgar Hoover who has stated that recent attacks on churches as being Communist infiltrated are unfounded."

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Temperatures In 90s Today

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near noon and hazy sunshine in the afternoon.

Temperatures around 90 are predicted for the mountains. In the deserts it is expected to be 105 to 115 degrees, with a few isolated thundershowers forecast.

High and low temperatures recorded at the Weather Bureau Station 15-B in Van Nuys for the week ending June 24 are:

Sunday	87	57
Monday	92	60
Tuesday	81	59
Wednesday	83	53
Thursday	89	60
Friday	78	62
Saturday	100	64

CONGRESSMAN TO SPEAK ON VIDEO TODAY

Valley Congressman James C. Corman, 2nd District, will appear on the television program, "Our Man in Washington" today at 3 p.m. on Channel 4.

Corman will give his views on the Mercury space shot, the Cuban situation in general, and the Los Angeles mayor's race.

He is serving his first term in Congress.

Car Clubs Safety Run Announced

The eighth annual youth safety run will have 100 representatives of Los Angeles area car clubs at the starting gate tomorrow.

The automobiles entered in the competition, sponsored by the Police Advisory Council for car clubs, will depart at 5 a.m. for San Jose from the Lynwood Police Station, 11330 Bullis Road.

The vehicles will be on display from noon to 5 a.m. tomorrow at the Lynwood National Guard Armory.

The drivers, ranging in age from 16 to 21, will work in teams driving 33 cars.

They were chosen from nearly 30,000 members of 3000 police-sponsored car clubs.

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Controversy Grows on 'Freedom' Rally Threat to Minister

Boost City Schools Budget by \$755,240 Two Leading Churchmen Give Views

Major Revisions Include Salary Hikes for Elementary Principals

In a series of last-minute revisions the Board of Education yesterday added \$755,240 to tentative operating budget for the 1961-62 school year—bringing the total budget as it stands now up to \$275,720,481.

To finance the school system for the coming year, with the new revisions, will now require a tax rate of approximately \$3.85 per \$100 of assessed valuation, it was estimated by budget director Jack P. Crowther, an increase of approximately 28 cents over this year's rate of \$3.5807.

Major revisions by the Board of Education in yesterday's action included reclassification of 425 elementary principals one step on the system's master salary schedule for teaching personnel.

This will raise elementary principals from a salary range of \$931-\$1159 to a range of \$984-\$1225.

Cost of this increase is approximately \$310,000.

Another move by the board was to establish a reserve fund to allow a 3.7% across-the-board salary hike for approximately 1500 administrative personnel, including counselors, vice principals, principals, supervisors, assistant deans, deans, junior college presidents and assistant superintendents.

The board previously had voted a salary reserve which would have permitted a 3.2% salary increase for personnel on the system's master salary schedule. The hike to 3.7%

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It's Funny Kind of Christianity—Bishop

Calls to The News offices were numerous through the day, yesterday concerning an exclusive story on Sunday about a threat, reportedly made to a Woodland Hills minister following an American Council of Christian Churches Faith and Freedom Rally.

The Rev. John A. Dekker, pastor of the North Hollywood Bible Presbyterian Church, and an ACCC official, and Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Methodist bishop of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference and a member of the board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., both gave The News statements on the matter.

Questions Statements

The Rev. Lawrence W. Linnerson, pastor of the Luke Lutheran Church, reported to West Valley police that he had been threatened, outside Canoga Park High School on Friday after he had tried to ask a question during the ACCC rally.

Rearing trouble during the Sunday morning worship service at his church, 5312 Commercial Way, police had one unit standby, but nothing materialized.

Rev. Dekker, who was chairman at the rally, charged Rev. Linnerson's statements were incorrect and said the police report does not hold any water because no names of the men who allegedly made the threats were given. He called the Woodland Hills minister "a heckler."

SUNNY DAY WITH SMOG SEEN HERE

After night and morning low clouds, the weather will be mostly sunny in the Valley today.

The temperature will remain about the same. After dropping to an overnight low of 60, the mercury is expected to reach 85 or 90, according to the weatherman. The Air Pollution Control District predicts light eye irritation from smog in the basin today.

Beaches will be cloudy, but will be cleared shortly before noon with a temperature of 68, according to the weather bureau.

Lifeguards reported that more than 200 persons were rescued from the surf on Sunday, and at least 40 persons were stung by jelly fish.

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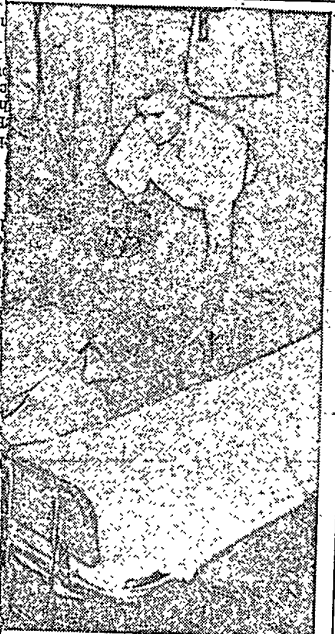
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Freedom Fete Funds

HILLS — Eff Freeburg, group treasurer. Overholser stated that funds are needed to pay for such expenses as printing, street banners, stage and show materials for use at free programs, insurance and other needs.

Donations may be sent to "Freedom Season," P.O. Box 1, Woodland Hills or the Chamber of Commerce, 22333 Ventura Blvd.

PHOTO BY R. W. HUTCHINGS



The News photos by R. W. Hutchings Black 18, of Northridge, is placed on Dept. Rescue 87, Vernon Lawrence, immediately after entering Valley Receiving Hospital on Roscoe Blvd.

One youth, was killed and two others seriously injured in a spectacular accident on a Van Nuys street in which their compact car rolled over 10 times.

Eric Wayne Black 18, of 17062 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge, an unemployed laborer, died minutes after arriving at Valley Receiving Hospital shortly before midnight on Sunday.

His death is the 47th on Valley streets since the beginning of the year, compared to 39 at this time last year.

A breakdown of traffic deaths in the three Valley police divisions with last year's figures in brackets are

West Valley, 11 (7); Van Nuys, 15 (23); and North Hollywood, 20 (9).

Traffic officers A. C. Santor and L. G. Dill reported Black apparently was traveling west on Roscoe Blvd. at a high rate of speed when he lost control.

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Asked about the incident reported by Rev. Linnerson, Bishop Kennedy pointed out that he had not heard about the incident, but if it occurred as described in the police report, "it's a funny kind of Christianity."

Say Names Supplied
Questioned about ACCC policy and its attacks on the NCC, the Methodist official said, "We don't pay much attention to the group. Everybody knows what kind of group it is. It seems to have attacks on the National Council as its main purpose for existence."

Officials of ACCC have reiterated that they have supplied Bishop Kennedy with names of Methodist Ministers who are Communists, in response to his appeal for such material.

The Bishop told the News yesterday he had not received the name of a single Methodist man who is a Communist.

He added that he would welcome such names "if there are any."

Youths Arrested After Violence In San Fernando

As a result of a gang warfare outbreak during the weekend 11 persons were arrested by the San Fernando Police Dept.

Two were hospitalized and seven were arrested on Sunday at 1:10 a.m. when approximately 50 youths armed with sticks and beer bottles were involved in violence at a drive-in restaurant, 1441 Truman St., San Fernando, according to the police.

Another outburst involving approximately 25 persons occurred Sunday at 9:08 p.m. at the same location. This time four were arrested, police said.

Handbills for the Friday night rally announced plans for three speakers. They were listed as follows, with their topics:

"Is There Communism in the Churches?" by the Rev. John E. Janbaz.

"Pro-Castro Activities in the National Council of Churches?" by the Rev. J. Benton Bell.

Announced Questions
"The Responsibility and Privileges of a Christian Patriot" by the Rev. M. H. Reynolds Sr.

Notices of the rally announced among the questions to be answered would be the NCC's policies on recognition of Red China, abolition of the House un-American activities committee, suppression of an Air Force training manual charging infiltration of the churches, cooperation with

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Controversy Grows Over Threat to Valley

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 Red church leaders and peaceful co-existence with communists.

Rev. Linnerson told police it was following a tirade by the first two speakers on the

Hike School Budget Here by \$755,240

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 will cost approximately \$100,000.

Crowther pointed out that the operating budget now will call for a tax rate of approximately \$2.91 which will probably be divided as follows:

Vote Other Raises

The unified school district (elementary, junior and senior high schools) will require close to the legal maximum of \$2.65 and the junior colleges will require almost 26 cents of a legal maximum of 35 cents.

The board also voted a \$232,000, undisputed reserve fund for pay raises for 3300 playground personnel, most of whom work on a parttime basis, adding approximately one-half cent to the required tax rate.

Another major move by the board took \$300,000 from the estimated \$1,026,000 which other school districts will pay the Los Angeles city junior college district to allow their students to attend the seven Los Angeles junior colleges during the 1961-62 school year.

Will Save Year

This special reserve will be used to preplan a series of forty building projects which are scheduled for future consideration, a move which school officials have estimated will save one full year in completing these projects.

This probably will include replanning portions of the North Valley Junior College site.

Funeral Services for Mae Webster Slated Tomorrow

Services will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Oakwood Chapel for Mae V. Webster of Woodland Hills, who died June 24 at the age of 81. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Besides her husband Lewis, survivors are a daughter Mrs. Roy E. Russell, Woodland Hills; a brother Ralph W. Van Winkle, Van Nuys, and two grandsons, Airman Second Class LeRoy E. Russell in France and Chandy Russell, Woodland Hills.

NCC that he attempted to ask his question.

In an exclusive interview with The News, Dr. Carl Segerhammar, an alternate delegate to the NCC, denied each of the ACCC charges.

Advocated Recognition

He said it was only a small division of the NCC which advocated recognition of Red China and the matter has not been brought to the national body.

He denied any action of any kind on the House un-American activities committee.

Stemmed From Report Statements about communism in the church which had appeared in the Air Force in a manual have been withdrawn and an apology extended, the NCC official said.

Dr. Segerhammar felt the charges of cooperation with Red church leaders probably stems from the report that the Russian Orthodox Church plans to apply for NCC membership at the group's next meeting in New Delhi.

Founded in 1941

Following the appearance of the rally story, Rev. Linnerson and a reporter for The News were plagued with numerous phone calls throughout the night. When the phone was answered, there was no response.

Counts 130 Churches

The American Council of Christian Churches was founded in 1941 when a group of churches voluntarily associated themselves together "to preserve historic Christian faith and to expose modernism, liberalism and communism in the churches."

Funeral Services Slated Today for Mendosia Davis

NORTH HOLLYWOOD — Funeral services for Mrs. Mendosia H. Davis, who died at her home Saturday at the age of 104, will be conducted today.

The 11 a.m. rites will be held at Forest Lawn's Church of the Hills, with Dr. Merle E. Fish of the Hollywood Congregational Church officiating.

Entombment will be in the Pomona Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis, a resident of the Southland, 47 years, was born March 21, 1857, in Decatur, Ill.

She leaves three grandnieces, Mrs. Mary J. Landroth, with whom she resided at 5234 Ben Ave.; Mrs. Carol Maier of Rolling Hills and Mrs. Lulu Highstone of Long Beach.

This was the explanation given yesterday by Rev. Dekker.

The Valley minister said the California branch of the council was founded in 1945 and now counts 130 churches throughout the state.

The national membership is reported to be 1,500,000 with national headquarters located on Park Ave., in New York.

Among the churches affiliated with the organization are:

Bible Presbyterian, Bible Protestant, Associated Gospel, Congregational Methodist, Evangelical Methodist Church of America, General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, Independent Churches Affiliated.

"Speaking for Christians"

Also, Methodist Protestant Churches, Militant Fundamental Bible Churches, Southern Methodist Church, United Christian, World Baptist Fellowship, Independent Baptist Bible Missions, Fundamental Methodist, Tloga River Christian Conference, and the American Baptist Association.

Speaking for the council, Rev. Dekker said, "It is the only uncompromising voice representing and speaking for the Bible-believing Christian!"

The statement which started Friday's dispute when Rev. Linnerson insisted he be allowed to read it was contained in a United Press International story by Louis Cassels in which he reported that FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger, that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the hands of the Communists.

Sullivan Quoted

Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

Sullivan said, Cassels reported:

"These allegations have served to create the impression among Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to an alarming infiltration and influence. But this is a patent falsehood."

Speaks With Approval

"The truth of the matter is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domina-

tion, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

"Love Wild Charges"

Sullivan, observed UPT's Cassels, is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover and the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters who wrote protesting Sullivan's speech.

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June 27, 1961

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover

Enclosed you will find two articles concerning statements you were suppose to have made. I find it questionable that these statements were taken in the way you meant them. I do not wish to imply or infer that there are an overwhelming number of Communists in the Churches, but one, in my opinion, is too many,

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I would greatly appreciate an explanation concerning your statement about "vigilanty organizations" and the statement by Mr. Sullivan that there are absolutely no Communists in the clergy. My interest is as follows:

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I am a member of the John Birch Society. I have been working with my minister trying to start a study group at the church. I gave him John Noble's book "I Was a Slave in Russia" and "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar Bundy. He became interested in the Communist threat and agreed to obtain a set of tapes by Mr. Noble and a set from Mr. Fred Schwarz taken from his Christain Anti-Communist School held in Los Angeles, at the Biltmore Hotel last October, 1958.

When this story broke in the Van Nuys News everything went up in the air. Unless I can convince these people that your statements have been twisted I will have to start all over again.

Your interest in this situation will be appreciated.

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With best wishes, I am

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Tarzana, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 27, 1961, with enclosures, has been received. I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and I welcome this opportunity to clarify our position in this matter.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. This opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with the subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by representatives of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. As an investigative agency of the Federal Government, we do not furnish comments or evaluations regarding the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, as well as two of my recent statements which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communism and Religion
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The enclosed newspaper clippings concerned a "Faith And Freedom Rally" held in Van Nuys, California which involved, at one point, the United Press International story by Louis Cassells concerning Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's speeches on communistic influence on our churches.

The John Birch Society was founded in 12-58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)

Saint Stephen's Church
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Pennsylvania

June 30, 1961

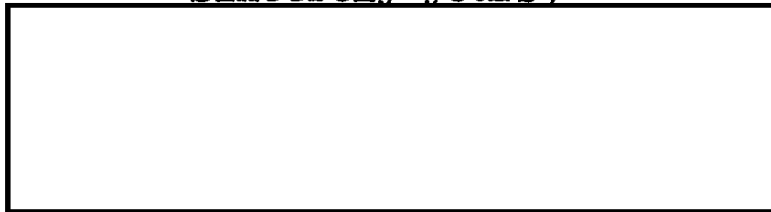
Mr. Robert Wick
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wick:

Will you please send me the report of the
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Sincerely yours,



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Saint Stephen's Church
Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 30, 1961, addressed to
Inspector Robert E. Wick, has been referred to me.

I would like to emphasize that neither Assistant
Director William C. Sullivan nor any other representative of
this Bureau has conducted any investigation of our churches.
In response to your request, I am enclosing an outline of one
of Mr. Sullivan's addresses, as well as some other material
on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)

Communism and Religion
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party,
USA & LEB Introduction 3-60
Series from "Christianity Today"

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PARK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

McIntosh Square
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July 5, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was glad to note in a recent press report that you had paid high tribute to the clergy of America. Having close to ministers of all churches for a good many years, I think my fellow clergy are a pretty fine lot. That goes for their collective opinions expressed in church council of various kinds.

I wish you the best.

Cordially,

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Park United Presbyterian Church
McIntosh Square
Beaver, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 5, 1961, has been received, and I am grateful for your expressions of best wishes.

With respect to your remarks, it was a pleasure to clarify my position on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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- Enclosures (4) Director's Statement Re Internal Security, 4-17-61
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- Communist Illusion And Democratic Reality
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Gibsonia, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received July 5, 1961.

It was good of you to give me the benefit of your comments and observations relative to the matter you discussed. In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I am sure you will understand my inability to comply with your request.

I am enclosing some material dealing with the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Pittsburgh, Pa

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July 10, 1961

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Gospel Churches, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, appears on the front of this publication. Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning Dr. Garman, the publication or groups mentioned above. The FBI is mentioned several times within this 36-page pamphlet, all in a favorable light.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

COMINFIL INTO RELIGION

The enclosed book contains many statements regarding the communist influence in the churches today, particularly in the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. I feel quite sure that the general impression this book is meant to establish is the truth and that the statements made concerning the activities and apparant aims of several individuals named herein are based on fact.

In order to help us awaken other church people in our community to this alarming situation would you please write to us and verify whatever you can in regards to the communist or communist front activity and/or membership and the fellow traveling of some of the individuals of the clergy named in this book.

You are no doubt well aware that the majority of people in the churches have no conception of how serious this matter has become and tend to look at Christians who are trying to do something about it as unkind, irresponsible malcontents or even crackpots. Some of these people will, we believe, sit up and take notice if the FBI's findings are presented in the personal way in which we are attempting to do it.

We would appreciate your sending or recommending any other literature on the subject of the communist influence in the churches.

Yours for a stronger America
under God and our Lord Jesus
Christ.

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[Redacted]

Orange, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

The statements you quoted from one of your church weeklies were excerpts from my article, "wholly loyal," which appears on page 15 of the June, 1961, issue of the "Crusader." I am enclosing a copy of this publication for your ready reference.

In view of your concern, I would like to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Series from Christianity Today
One Nation's Response to Communism
June 161 issue of the "Crusader"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with correspondent.
Reprints of the Director's article "wholly loyal" are not available
at this time.

July 10, 1961

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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JUL 17 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My wife and I have become interested and concerned with the Communist threat to our way of life, and as a result, have tried to find out for ourselves just what is and has been going on.

The first ray of light was cast by Mr. Cleon Skousen at a lecture in this county sometime in March. Later on we attended the Orange County School of anti-Communism, which was presented in association with the Christian anti-Communism Crusade, of which Dr. Fred Schwarz is the president. Mr. Herbert Philbrick was one of the speakers during the school, as well as Mr. Skousen, Mr. Schwarz, and many other not-so-well-known people. Mr. Skousen worked as an administrative assistant in the FBI, according to the introduction given to him, and Mr. Philbrick also worked for the FBI, directly or indirectly, whichever the case may be. In addition to hearing these gentlemen speak, my wife heard Matt Cvetic speak one night concerning his experiences while working with the FBI much as Mr. Philbrick did.

All the abovementioned gentlemen have stated unequivocally that the churches have been seriously infiltrated by the Communists. They went on to say, that in most instances clergymen are loyal to their faith, and ministers are not becoming Communists; rather, that Communists are becoming ministers.

Before I go further, I wish to say that neither my wife nor myself consider ourselves as amateur or professional witch-hunters. Rather, we would like to know the truth for ourselves.

In recent newspaper articles, there have been reports stating that you have been sending a representative across the country to inform the people that the clergy has not been infiltrated, etc., etc. Yesterday one of our church weeklies had the following in it:

"FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, condemning 'unfounded' charges of Communist infiltration of churches, asserted that the 'overwhelming majority of our clergymen are today wholly loyal to our nation and are working valiantly to protest our freedoms.'"

"Writing in the Crusader, American Baptist news magazine, published here" (New York) "he stressed that this is not the time 'for name-calling, for unfounded accusations or publicity-seeking charges designed to confuse, divide, and weaken.'"

"He said clergymen in this country 'need the full support of patriotic Americans in our common struggle' against Communism."

"Mr. Hoover noted that 'over the years, as could be expected, churches and religious organizations have been and will so remain targets for Communist infiltration.'"

Now, viewing the journalistic practice of reporting things out of context, I thought perhaps you might answer a question for me.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF CHURCHES INTO RELIGION

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JUL 17 1961

CORRESPONDENCE

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Mr. Skousen, Mr. Philbrick, and Mr. Cvetic impressed us as people who knew whereof they spoke, and at the same time, we have the utmost respect for you and your organization along these lines. You have done a very good job, considering the many elements involved in keeping tab on the Communists. We do not intend to become name-callers, accusers, or publicity hounds, but on the other hand, there has been recently in the news many controversial statements made by church leaders, and the same church leaders seem to crop up everytime spouting political doctrines which are, or could be closely associated with, events which the Communists would like to see transpire. This has more or less backed up exactly what Messrs. Skousen, Philbrick, and Cvetic said. And then the word comes along that you say the churches are not to any degree infiltrated. I am disagreeing with no one, for I am not that familiar with it. Incidentally, none of the three gentlemen (Skousen, Philbrick, Cvetic) made any specific charges against anyone. They did say what to expect from certain quarters however.

Now, I would appreciate very much if you or one of your staff could give me the straight story on infiltration of the churches. We have in our possession a copy of the Annual Report for the Year 1960 issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This was graciously furnished us by [redacted] and on Page 38 appears the following:

"He (the chairman) also pointed out that the record reveals that Communists have duped some members of the clergy, as well as lay leaders of the churches, into supporting Communist fronts and causes which masquerade behind deceitful facades of humanitarianism and that, although these persons were not necessarily consciously supporting Communist enterprises, the net result was, for all practical purposes, the same."

Is this not infiltration? We are not asking for specifics, as we realize that it might be impossible to release such items, but I would like to know if the newspapers, etc., have used their journalistic license in reporting your comments.

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Incidentally, in addition to the HCUA annual report, we also have the following: Contradictions of Communism, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Communist Target-Youth, Communist Infiltration in the Nuclear Test Ban Movement, Communist Leadership, Communist Infiltration in The Nuclear Test Ban Movement, Parts I and II, Expose of Soviet Espionage, The United States Through The Eyes Of Soviet Tourists, The Communist Party Of The United States Of America, Beware! Tourists Reporting On Russia. These were all supplied with the compliments of Senator Eastland. If there are additional reports available now for release to the general public, we would be very interested in receiving them.

Very truly yours,

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Orange, California

July 21, 1961

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[Redacted]

Phoenix 15, Arizona

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 17, 1961, has been received, and your kind comments concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit," are deeply appreciated.

The enclosure to your communication does contain a fair summary of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's remarks. I am enclosing a copy of the substance of his speech so that you will have the complete background. Also included is some material on the subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan
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- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

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Communist Infiltration into Religion

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have not been able to hear any of Chief Inspector Sullivan's speeches. I have enclosed a quotation from one of his speeches. Is this quotation a fair summary of the intended message contained in the speech?

I do not believe in self-appointed "vigilantes" or that our churches are overrun with communists. I do know that the church is a prime target of the communists & it is probable that it has been infiltrated to some extent.

I have read "Masters of Deceit" & appreciated the book very much. I feel that if anyone can answer my question you can. I am 23 yrs. old & I am very interested in the future of our Republic.

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Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Respectfully yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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FROM: "NEWS PULSE" of the Methodist Church 5/4/61

Communists Upset
By FBI Inspector

Louis Cassels, United Press International correspondent, reported this week that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the communists' hands. During the last few weeks Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence. But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist part has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan, observed UPI's Cassels, is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur communist hunters, who wrote protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told UPI, "has been from the communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks. They love to have wild charges of communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

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July 24, 1961

[Redacted address line]

Miami 56, Florida

Dear [Redacted name]

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Your letter of July 18, 1961, has been received, and I welcome this opportunity to clarify my position in this matter.

Certainly, the communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, but they have not met with any substantial success because of our internal security programs; the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of a number of Party functionaries; and the rising tide of public opposition to the communist movement. All this has been accomplished in orderly constitutional fashion and is something of which every American should be proud. We must continue to be alert to these infiltration efforts. I wish to emphasize most strongly that communism is a grave threat to the continued existence of the United States. Because of this, it is doubly imperative that we be calm, rational, and thoroughly accurate in what we say and do in opposing communism. This is no time for rumors, unfounded suspicion, gossip and the hurling of false accusations.

In response to the other matters you mentioned, the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files concerning the subjects of your inquiry.

I am enclosing an outline of an address by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan of this Bureau which is pertinent to this subject, as well as some other material which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Director's Statement Re Internal Security 4-17-61
Series from "Christianity Today."

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. Edgar C. Bundy is Chairman of the Church League of America, claims to have been a Major in Air Force intelligence, and has been the subject of a closed impersonation case. Billy James Hargis, heads the Christian Crusade, an allegedly anticommunist organization. In 1957, he was the subject of a Registration Act investigation which was closed without prosecution. Dr. Frederick C. Schwarz heads the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. Our relations with him have been most circumspect in view of his opportunistic activities in promoting his own writings. Dr. Joseph B. Matthews is a former Socialist Party member, a self-confessed former Marxist who was later connected with the Dies Committee. Bufiles reflect no subversive information regarding him since 1938. He was later associated with the Senator Joseph McCarthy. Bufiles contain no information concerning "Coalition" or "Coalitionists."

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Miami 56, Florida
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing in regard to the veracity of the many current accusations being leveled against our clergymen and church institutions across the United States. These accusations carry the insinuation and often direct conviction that our churches have been infiltrated by Communists and that our ministers are often their unwilling - or willing- dupes. Our lay people are urged to investigate their churches carefully because "religious people are peculiarly gullible to Communism." You have been quoted as the major source of authority for these accusations since you have listed the churches as one of the major avenues of infiltration.

This letter represents a plea for accurate information on the part of a church lay-person who, while aware that the churches represent a possible avenue of infiltration, doubts if at present it is an expressway. Many of the churches in our local Miami area have been subjected to a kind of inquisition not alien to the old witch hunting days. The particular church with which I am affiliated has long been an outstanding institution in its community with considerable respect. Its pastor, The [Redacted] has won the distinguished honor of speaking for his country on Radio Free Europe. He has spent many Sundays speaking to his congregation in the same manner you used when you wrote the article "Communist Propaganda and The Christian Pulpit." [Redacted] feels deeply that no greater challenge than communism has ever faced the Christian Church and that all Christians hold a unique responsibility in this battle. Christians must draw on their spiritual resources and live dynamically the teachings of Christ.

Yet tragically these past few months I have witnessed a new threat to our church of equally tragic consequences to its future. Instead of being free to dynamically live the teachings of Christ and to preach His Gospel our ministers and our church teachers have been put on the defensive and now must spend hours, even days, answering the outrageous and unjust questions and accusations hurled at them by lay "Communist hunters" out to rid our churches of the scourge of Communist infiltration. These "hunters" are sincere people - they are also deeply frightened - and fanatical. They are facing this battle as though it were their own personal crusade. They don't want to listen to any defensive material - are sure that it is false - and are convinced that their own private sources of information are infallible. They meet weekly in semi-secret cells and are using the results of their study to slowly eat away at the confidence church members have in their minister, the church, and its leaders. All this is being done in the name of American Patriotism! This is a tragic situation and I can not help but feel that these are truly demonic forces at work undermining perhaps the greatest bulwark against Communism which we have in America today.

Greatly concerned are many members of our church who feel a basic loyalty to its program - who through their won participation know it to be a just, Christian institution. They are also confused as to sources of valid information

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since our accusers refuse to accept any defensives or materials written by the National Council of Churches or the National Board of the Congregational Church. It seems that your word alone will they believe. We trust it, too. It is my earnest plea that you will take time to answer some of the following questions and help supply us with the information necessary to know the truth.

Many of our 'Communist Hunters' have just completed an eight weeks study course under the sponsorship of a group known as the Coalitionists. I have been told this is a national organization with offices on the state and local levels. Their purpose ostensibly is good - to educate concerning the communist threat. My criticism concerns the sources of information they chose to disseminate and with which they educate. Are the following people in your estimation qualified to determine Communist infiltration when they think they see it? In their work have they demonstrated a loyalty to America and its churches...the kind of loyalty that all our countrymen should imitate and which will build a stronger America?

- ALL
A.S.
1. Major ~~Edgar Bundy~~ - editor of a weekly newspaper entitled, "News and Views."
 2. The Reverend ~~Billy Hargess~~ - editor of the weekly newspaper entitled, "The Christian Crusader."
 3. Dr. ~~Fred Schwarz~~ - head of the Christian Anti Communist Crusade of America.
 4. ~~J.B. Matthews~~ - Assistant Editor of "News and Views".
 5. The National President of Coalition - what is his name and who is he?

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I would like to know if you feel the materials written by these men - particularly the newspapers - to be accurate and responsible educational material. How authoritative is the weekly newspaper published by the national Coalition group entitled, "The American Report?"

One of these men has claimed that 1014 Congregational ministers are Communists in this country. He has also claimed that the merger of the Congregational Christian Church with the Evangelical and Reform Church to be Communist inspired. Two of them are doing all they can to destroy the National Council of Churches which they claim is in active control of the Communist Party and an instrument of their purpose. Is this true?

Your help in answering the above questions will not only be greatly appreciated but may do much to save at least one church from an ineffective ministry at a time when we can't afford to lose the voice of even one church preaching the truth of the Gospel. Please help us in our ministry in this crisis situation.

Sincerely yours,



among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

While the Christian Churches have not yet been seriously infested with Communists, they have been seriously infected with the plague of complacency which has so weakened all the western world. We are soft on Communism as we are soft on sloth, lawlessness, idolatry, false witness, greed, and every other evil. We are tolerant, not because we are strong enough to bear the strain of responsibility, but because we are so weak that we are afraid of responsible judgment. We keep busy with distractions, diversions, and entertainment, even with our daily work, to avoid serious considerations. We drug ourselves to unconsciousness for fear that awake we might have to do something about the condition of life. We occupy our minds with trivia so that there will be no room for the real issues of life. No wonder Marx dismissed religion as an "opiate of the people." That is what it has tended to become.

The Christian Faith is the opposite of this cultural "religion" practiced in our day and posing as Christian. The Christian Faith is virile, vital and volcanic. Its disciples are not "nice," easy-going people. They are, and always have been, troublemakers, disturbers of the peace, revolutionaries. They have been turned right-side-up by the Gospel and the Spirit of Jesus, and are committed to turn the world right-side-up by His power. They are on fire with the Holy Ghost, a fire which keeps them alert, awake to reality, and ready for action. They take evil seriously for they know it in all its forms as powerful, diabolical, clever, persistent, tenacious, and ruthless. They make no peace with it. The fire in

them enables them to see the enemy clearly and to shoot straight at him with accuracy.

Brethren, the world is in revolution. If you do nothing, or do the wrong things, you throw your weight with the diabolical forces who are determined to turn it upside-down, to smother man, God's highest creation, at the bottom, making him a helpless slave of tyrants. There is an alternative, the Divine revolution which will turn you and the world right-side-up, and to this enlistment God calls us by revealing the critical dangers all about us. Do we ordinary Episcopalians act, pray, or give as though we were in a revolution?

Having answered the accusation of the Pharisees that He was in league with the devil, that He cast out devils by the devil's own power, Jesus added:

"But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace; but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth."

Brethren, the grace of God, His power to save, be with you all.

THE REV. BENEDICT WILLIAMS, D.D.

THE REV. ROBERT MERRY

THE REV. CAN. SAMUEL SHOEMAKER, D.D.

THE REV. CAN. HUGH CLARK, S.T.D.

A Pastoral Letter to the Churches of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

My dear Brethren:

This Pastoral Letter to the Churches of the Diocese of Pittsburgh has been written at my request by the following priests: The Rev. Benedict Williams, D.D., Chairman; The Rev. Robert Merry; The Rev. Can. Samuel Shoemaker, D.D., and the Rev. Can. Hugh Clark, S.T.D.

I request that it be read in every Church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Sunday, June 11th or Sunday, June 18th.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



BISHOP OF PITTSBURGH



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Brethren, we must share with you our deep concern for the world in which we live, and the faith by which we live. We are convinced that there is real and immediate danger that we shall lose not only our free institutions but the God-given abilities which created and maintains them.

International Communism, rooted in Moscow and Peiping, is rapidly enslaving our world. History has known many similar imperialistic campaigns, but none as global in design or as fantastically fast as this one. More dangerous than the territorial campaign, however, is the Communist conspiracy against the nature and destiny of man with which it is linked. This conspiracy, new in history, is presently winning, without any real opposition, a relentless war against humanity.

Communism is chiefly a diabolical religion, aimed at destroying the Godly nature of man. It is the devil's frantic effort to reduce man from a person to a thing, from a subject to an object, his only purpose to serve his masters. It is designed to subordinate truth to policy, and virtue to compliance. Only a more powerful religion can destroy this insidious force.

Meanwhile the Church, whose very meaning and mission is challenged, is strangely silent, too complacent, and callously indifferent, unconcerned about this diabolical conspiracy against the people she is called to save. We shall deal later with the accusation that she is infiltrated with Communists, but we are convinced that she is guilty of failure to meet the challenge, and we call for an aggressive Christian offensive against this evil.

The failure of the Church to recognize, define, and fight Communism has resulted in

the rise of anti-Communist zealots. Nature abhors a vacuum. When the right leaders are not in the right place the wrong leaders will occupy it and exploit its position. Sensitive people, who sense but do not understand the Communist threat, invent a Communism out of the things and people and issues they fear. Ambitious tyrants are quick to take advantage of their uninformed concern and to enslave them to their own power purposes. Thus the failure of the Church to lead a real offensive has resulted in furthering the Communist cause. Real Communists like nothing better than the discord and suspicion, the antagonism and wild accusations, fostered by these demagogues. We do not blame all their followers. We invite their concern and ask them to study and fight with us the real enemy.

"Be ye wise as serpents and gentle as doves."

The Christian is not excused from responsibility because he did not understand. He is expected to use his mind. He is expected to face facts because he can trust God. The fact is that Communism is a clever, ruthless, relentless enemy.

It is relentless. Khrushchev is an avowed Leninist. Lenin was the exponent of "peaceful co-existence." This is the way he explained it, "Peace is respite for another war. The existence of the Soviet Republic, side by side with imperialist states, is unthinkable."

It is also ruthless. Since truth is subject to policy and virtue to compliance for the Soviets, their words, assurances, and poses cannot be trusted. They do not intend to co-exist but to conquer. Marx ruled that Communism was an "infallible science." He killed with epithets anyone who questioned the infalli-

bility of the "science" and ignored all facts which did not fit.

To oppressed, starving, underprivileged people, however, promises are better than nothing. It is sobering to think that if we fail to treat each human as brother, the enemy will call him "comrade." Every failure to make our society reflect our Christian faith gives aid and comfort to the enemy. Every racial barrier, whether against Jew or Negro, every class war, whether industrial or social, plays into Communist hands, will be blown up by them out of all proportion and exploited. We live not only in a glass house but under a magnifying glass.

The accusation that the Christian Churches and Councils of Churches are riddled with Communists has been made the subject of an exhaustive study sponsored by the Fund For The Republic (published by Harcourt Brace in a 495 page book written by Ralph L. Roy) and an intensive study by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Both find the accusation untrue. Mr. Roy reports that Communists "have never held responsible positions of leadership in any denomination of Council of Churches." FBI agent, Sullivan, sent by J. Edgar Hoover on a speaking tour on this subject said, "The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale." "The most interesting reaction to Mr. Sullivan's remark," reported an FBI agent to United Press, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks. They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of July 13, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and I do appreciate your interest in our publications.

It was good of you to advise me concerning the efforts being undertaken in your parish in order to combat communism. As a matter of long-standing policy and in view of my position as Director of the FBI, it is not possible for me to endorse the programs of private individuals and organizations. However, it has always been my belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if we are to effectively resist its influences. Armed with this understanding, our people will be able to detect the communists as they endeavor to infiltrate every segment of our way of life. The churches of our country represent a formidable bulwark against the spread of this atheistic menace. By encouraging their congregations to become better informed concerning the nature of communism and by pointing out its fallacy through the process of Christian education, our churches can serve most effectively in the cause of anticommunism. Your efforts in undertaking a program of this type are most reassuring.

In response to your request, I am pleased to forward, under separate cover, fifty copies of the publication you desired.

Sincerely yours,
John Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent. Our only prior outgoing to him was on 7-10-61, at which time we furnished single copies of communist reprint material. Correspondent enclosed a statement captioned "A Call To Arms" which outlined a ten point program for combating communism. He also enclosed a copy of an appeal from the "Call To Arms" committee of his church which advocated an understanding of communism as a means of defeating it. Correspondent also enclosed a copy of a Pastoral Letter to the Churches of the Diocese of Pittsburgh which concerned the dangers of international communism and the role of the churches in opposing it. It referred to the "accusation that the Christian Churches and Council of Churches are riddled with Communism," stated it had been the subject of study by the FBI and had been found to be untrue. It also quoted remarks of Assistant Director William C. Sullivan to the effect that communism had made no substantial gains in infiltrating the churches. *Black letterhead stationery utilized to conform to letter of 7-10-61.*

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July 13

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Religious Groups

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am very grateful that you took the trouble to answer personally my letter to Inspector Robert E. Wick. I appreciate the material I asked for and also the other material which you sent, and have been especially interested in your own articles republished from "Christianity Today."

You may be interested in the reason for my request. I am enclosing the Bishop's Pastoral Letter, which I wrote. This inspired the preaching of a sermon to implement that Pastoral, and this in turn brought about a reaction from a group of leading citizens and churchmen enlisting in a program to combat Communism with Christianity.

We have had one meeting with these enlistees and have started on a program of study looking toward action when we are ready for it. We plan to publish, in a special summer issue of our parish paper, the "Carillon," a summary of the sermon, "A Call To Arms," and an appeal by the committee, which will bear their names. These we also enclose.

It would be very helpful if we could have your comments on our program and your endorsement to be published in this parish paper, if that is possible. We could not, of course, expect a blanket endorsement of the committee but would like an endorsement of the ideas we present at this time. This parish has a good deal of influence because it contains a great many leaders in industry and the professions and we could make a reasonably good attack on the problem.

I should also like to have at least fifty (50) more copies of the reprint from "Christianity Today," if they are available.

Sincerely yours

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"A CALL TO ARMS"

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a statement and invitation from some of your fellow parishioners who responded to my "Call to Arms" sermon, Sunday, June 18, inspired by the Pastoral Letter which is enclosed. This is a summary of the call.

When Israel was caught between the Assyrian and Egyptian armies and King Hezekiah was about to ask Egyptian help, Isaiah warned: "Thus saith the Lord: Woe to those who go down to Egypt--who trust in chariots because they are many or in horses because they are very strong. Egyptians are men and not God and their horses are flesh and not spirit."

We, too, are caught between the tidal wave of Communism and the undertow of an anti-Communist reaction made of the same substance and almost as dangerous, and there are those who call for an alliance with the anti-Communist vigilantes.

The Communist threat can only be beaten by an aggressive Christian offensive.

We urge the following actions:

1. The Communist knows his cause and is always eager and able to promote and defend it. The Christian must also know his faith and be ready and eager to promote and defend it.
2. The agent is well informed about the current line. The Christian must also be informed as to what his leaders are saying about the application of the faith to present problems.
3. The Communist knows Capitalism - from the Communist point of view. We need to know how Communism originated and developed, what its present nature and trends are, and what current evolutions and revolutions are not Communist.
4. The Communist is quick to make common cause with all who seek relief from oppression and dispossession and seeks to take over all legitimate uprisings of the underprivileged. They can succeed only if we fail to fulfill our Christian duty to "preach good tidings to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, opening of the prisons to them that are bound - the acceptable year of the Lord."

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- 5: Communists make heroes of the unknown, the unsung, the little people. The privileged do not need notoriety but the underprivileged need notice. Christians need to fulfill St. Paul's warning to "give the greater honor to the less comely parts of the body" politic.
6. The Communist is a citizen of the world. His is an international conspiracy and he feels what happens in every part of the world as sensitively as what happens next door. The Christian is, by his faith, brother to every human being. He must exercise this international, interracial sensitivity.
7. The Christian, like the Communist, must infiltrate every organization available to him to promote his cause.
8. The Communist believes that he serves the inevitable future. The Christian has every reason to believe that "God's Kingdom will come, His will will be done," but he needs to live and act by this faith.
9. The Christian must equal the Communists willingness to die, go to jail, look foolish, be embarrassed, lose friends, to promote his cause.
10. The Christian, like the Communist, must put loyalty to his cause first.

We have so much more than they have. We have the living God, not a philosophy. We have a true faith, an experienced conviction, a Savior. We deal with reality, not a madman's dream. The only thing we lack is dedication.

The Communist is aggressive, informed, dedicated - a convinced follower of the Communist line. Are you a dedicated, aggressive, informed, convinced follower of the Living Christ?

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
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COPY of the appeal from the "Call to Arms" Committee.

An informed and convinced Christian is more than a match for any Communist; and a practiced Christian faith can, if aggressive, conquer the Communist conspiracy even in its floodtide. This is our conviction.

Because the western powers have largely cut themselves off from their Christian sources, they have become so weak that the Communist conspirators have been able easily to bluff, bully, and bamboozle them while they took over much of the world in an appallingly short time.

Our soft spots, which they, the conspirators, exploit so easily are two: The undernourished and underprivileged people in ^athe world supposedly dominated by Christians; and the ignorance, confusion and fear of the privileged and overnourished who no longer know who we are, where we came from, whither we are going, or who our God is.

The Communists also have their weak spots. They fanatically believe in the irrational, impossible dream of a psychotic, yet in practice they have had to deny that dream by frequent changes of policy. They are convinced that their conquest of the world is inevitable, yet they find themselves contained and betrayed. Khrushchev has a "bone in his throat" in free Berlin, a knife at his back in his fellow conspirator, Mao, and pains in both sides in Tito and Nasser.

Every time the Communist is exposed to the light of knowledge he, like the bat he is, is blind and confused. Whenever Communism is met by a realistic aggressive faith it roars in futile and startled anger like the wild animal it is.

There are very few Communists, yet they frighten the world to death, and have already enslaved millions by the power of their diabolic possession, because the rest of the world so lacks a vital faith.

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We therefore dedicate ourselves to a program of enlightenment and enlistment. We want to know, and help others to know, all about Communism, its strength and weakness, so that we can meet its challenge. We want to know, and help others to know, all about the Christian faith and its weapons so that we can fight Communism intelligently, enthusiastically and effectively.

We invite you to join us.

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Communism in Churches

Off and on during the past several years there has been much loose talk to the effect that communism has heavily infiltrated America's churches, particularly the Protestant clergy. Although these charges have been refuted again and again, ministers continue to be a favorite target of self-appointed vigilantes. Recently, for example, the much battered claim that 7,000 clergymen were Communists or fellow travelers was trotted out again by the John Birch Society.

Since the gullible and the fearful may be inclined to give such charges more credence than they deserve, it seems worthwhile to note the pains taken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to deny them. "These allegations," the FBI's chief inspector, William C. Sullivan, has said in a number of speeches around the country, "have served to create the impression among many Americans that Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence. But this is a patent falsehood."

"The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen, or religious institutions, on a national scale."

Nor does this view merely reflect the personal conclusions of one highly placed FBI executive. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has made a point of backing up Sullivan in this matter.

In other words, the federal agency charged with surveillance to guard against communism and other subversions has officially rejected assertions that the nation's churches are overrun by Communists. This supports the conclusion already reached, we think, by most sensible Americans.

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Sir: This may be a bit presumptuous of me but I simply must try to get a verification or denial of the statement, in quotes, in this editorial, which appeared in our (only) city paper last evening. Many of our Christian citizens have phoned today to get my idea of the article and frankly I cant believe the inference that you personally held the same view. I have belonged to a mothers Study Club for many years and we have studied many of your statements on this subject and have always felt secure in your views where the Christ versus the Communist Atheistic Doctrine. I know you are a very busy man but will you just give a yes or no on the verasity of the Editorial.

Thank You

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Tacoma, Washington

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked July 19, 1961, with enclosure, has been received. I can understand your concern about communism, and I welcome the opportunity to clarify our position with respect to the matter you mentioned.

In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations.

I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to the item you enclosed, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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TRUE COPY

Camptown, Pa.
July 21, 1961

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing an item from our daily newspaper which includes a statement concerning the F. B. I. which I believe is false.

The National Council of Churches, according to Congressional Committees, has advocated

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- (2) Forbidding the showing of the movie Operation Abolition (among other things) - both of which are actions favorable to the Communist Party and contrary to FBI views.

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|| Would you care to send me a statement that I might submit to the Daily Review in answer to the enclosed editorial item?

Very truly yours

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Camptown, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 21, 1961, with enclosure, has been received. I can understand your concern about communism, and I welcome the opportunity to clarify our position with respect to the matter you mentioned.

In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations.

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[Redacted]

Kansas City 18, Missouri

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 25, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your prayers and kind comments.

Your concern regarding the menace of communism is indeed understandable. I am enclosing some information regarding this atheistic threat which you may wish to read. You may also be interested in my book, "Masters of Deceit," which is a basic text on this subject.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the FBI's position on the subject of communism and religion. It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including our religious institutions. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has made no substantial penetration into these religious groups. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must all remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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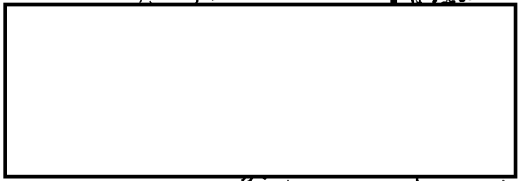
As a mother deeply burdened for my four small children's future in the light of creeping Communism within our Nation, I am writing to thank you for the wonderful work you have done to expose and curb our Satanic enemy.

Believing our destiny really is in the hands of God, I am concerned about the Communists use and infiltration of our churches. I am confused at some reports I have heard that members of your organization say there is no Communism within the Church (while on the other hand I hear you testify they have). I would so appreciate any literature you could send me on the Communist threat, especially to the Church.

I am praying you may continue to defend our country for many more years to come, Mr. Hoover.

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Sincerely yours,



Kansas City 18, Missouri

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a mother deeply burdened for my four small children's future in the light of creeping Communism within our Nation; I am writing to thank you for the wonderful work you have done to expose and curb our Satanic enemy.

Believing our destiny really is in the hands of God, I am so concerned about the Communists use and infiltration of our churches. I am confused at some reports I have heard that members of your organization say there is no Communism within the Church while on the other hand I hear you testify they have. I would so appreciate any literature you could send me on the Communist threat, especially to the Church.

I am praying you may continue to defend our country for many more years to come, Mr. Hoover.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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'Frisco Riot' Film Is Sad Distortion

Anti-Red 'documentary' does nation a disservice, reveals disturbing stupidity and malevolent cleverness

By ROBERT W. SMITH
of the editorial page staff

Distortion and half-truths are among the predominant elements in a so-called documentary motion picture being widely shown around the country. It is called "Operation Abolition" and purports to provide a photographically accurate report on the origins and evolution of the disorderly student demonstrations against house un-American activities committee hearings in San Francisco last May.

Apparently there are about 500 prints of this movie circulating in the nation. They were produced for profit by a commercial firm from original films subpoenaed (and reportedly unpaid for) by the house committee. This transaction in itself raises some interesting questions.

Roundly critical comments on the film have been cropping up with increasing frequency recently, and of late the movie has begun to be shown around the Twin Cities. To form its own first-hand estimate of the film, the editorial page staff of the Star and Tribune arranged for a private showing of "Operation Abolition."

It is, as a critical article in Christian Century magazine said, "a disturbing film"—but not for exactly the same reasons that the un-American activities committee and some of the film's other sponsors have given.

It is made up of film clips patched together in such a way as to suggest sequences of action and cause-and-effect relationships



SAN FRANCISCO RIOT

Police hauling demonstrators off to jail

which just did not exist. The committee's own chief investigator for the west coast has publicly admitted that the film contains inaccuracies and distortions.

Just one example: The sequence of the films and the narration gives the viewer to understand that Harry Bridges, leftist longshoreman leader, arrived on the scene to help Communist party leaders get control of the student demonstrators.

According to the film, all the trouble started after

manner in which they were conducted. By insisting on taking over the largest hearing room in town, the committee opened the way for an over-large, unmanageable attendance at the proceedings.

Then the committee called to the courtroom at one time almost all of the known and well-suspected Communist witnesses on its list.

This made it easy for Communists and suspected Communists to put on a mass display of rowdy misbehavior; which justified the committee in calling a

Minister Protests 'Frisco Riot Fil

Mountain Lake pastor says committee on un-American activities outraged hundreds in California prior to Bay area hearing

By THE REV. ALVIN C. CURRIER
in a sermon preached in Westminster Larger Parish, Mountain Lake, Minn.

The Christian church has been, is and always will be dedicated to a search for the truth.

Now and then it can become necessary even here in America for the church to have to speak out to the fact of lies and distortions in the name of the truth!

The issue this morning concerns the film "Operation Abolition," which is often billed as "a documentary film showing Communist inspired rioting against the house Un-American activities committee in San Francisco, Calif., May 13, 1960."

The film itself is just another reel in that long American melodrama labeled "witch-hunting" or "McCarthyism." However, the first act of this particular episode opened at 9 a.m. on June 5, 1959 when staff members of the house committee on un-American activities entered into classrooms in public schools all over California to begin the process of serving 110 subpoenas on 110 public school teachers.

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I could go on to quote other protests such as that of the Methodist church and the Society of Friends, and even a statement from the August 1959 meeting of the American Federation of Teachers in Minneapolis.

The public conscience was outraged and finally on Aug. 21, 1959, the committee called off its hearings in California. As the committee retreated from California, it left behind hundreds of angry opponents among the most respected community leaders and it was just this opposition that set the stage for the second act of drama.

As the committee returned to California (in May 1960) it was greeted by a full-fledged organization made up of church groups, labor groups, professors, teachers, and students and even two California state assemblymen who were actively working for the abolition of the house committee.

In this climate the committee had every reason to expect protests in San Francisco and the protests came in the form of orderly picketing. It was only when some of the students who had been waiting in line for hours to get into the committee hearing room discovered that the hearing was not open to the public as it had been advertised but that actually only pass-carrying invited guests of the committee were to be admitted to the hearing—it was only then and under these very understandable circumstances that the students who had been waiting

so long began to get noisy.

The police became concerned about the unrest and on the second day, even as the students began to sit down in a non-violent demonstration of what they considered their right to be admitted to the hearing, the police turned fire hoses on them and the "riot" was on.

Police clubbed, shoved, and dragged students from the building. The mayor of San Francisco immediately criticized the police for precipitating the violence.

The film ("Operation Abolition") is a dangerous distortion of the entire story of what happened in San Francisco.

It would seem that in the fact of an ominous groundswell of opposition to the house committee, the committee stooped to the desperate, almost hysterical production of a completely distorted film, in a vain effort to justify their existence and expenditures, to label all opposition to the committee, no matter from what source it comes, as Communist, and to sow such seeds of fear among the American people that the people will support even greater totalitarian power for the committee.

On the "Goodwin Knight Show" on Aug. 9 in Los Angeles, William Wheeler, chief house committee investigator on the west coast, admitted that the film contained inaccuracies and distortions.

For example, the film fails to tell that each of the 100 "white card passes" given out by the committee could admit up to six people to the hearing room which held only 400 persons.

The film fails to tell of police brutality although the pictures themselves are more than disturbing.

Because this film and those who made it and support it seem ready to go to any extreme to win power for their position, and because their position seems to involve the right to distort facts and even to disregard and destroy, if need be, basic American civil liberties, in the name of protecting these liberties, I should like to see you as Christians dedicated to the search for truth become concerned with this matter and make it an object of your witness and prayer.

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For example, one speaker said Nikita Khrushchev expressed the hope in a recent speech that he would live long enough to see the Communist banner flying all over the world.

"None of our great newspapers reported it," this speaker observed with an air of "this was to be expected."

TO LEAVE dangling, as this speaker did, the implication that the American press is engaged in an evil conspiracy to suppress Khrushchev's utterances is totally irresponsible.

The same speaker then warned of "grave signs" in America. He said Lenin had advocated seeking the

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There were also, at least to this observer ominous rings in a call for a local "security" committee to clear literature and films for further "Project Action" efforts; and in the comment of a student that his workshop had considered "what to do and where to go" when teachers are suspected by their students of espousing communist or atheistic doctrines.

FINALLY there was the kit of literature and recommended readings provided for every participant, with more materials available at a table at the rear of the meeting hall.

This literature included attacks on social security, the income tax, TVA and the right of government to make decisions in the race for space.

Recommended readings were strongly conservative oriented, including such authors as Sen. Barry Goldwater, Friedrich A. Hayek and William F. Buckley, Jr. Among the

Project Action Has High Aims but Disquieting Undercurrents

By RUSSELL HURST
of the editorial page staff

WHEN nearly 500 residents of the Upper Midwest are moved to participate in a two-day conference devoted principally to discussion of American ideals and the menace of communism, nothing but good should result.



And when these citizens from all walks of life emerge from workshops with recommendations to reawaken their friends and neighbors to the values of the American heritage and the dangers of the Communist threat, it may be affirmed that they are responding to the summons of our national leaders for an alert, informed public.

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fessors and the liberal ministers" in an effort to weaken the will of youth to resist communism.

So, he continued, the blame for recent student demonstrations in San Francisco (against the House Un-American Activities committee) and in Chicago (pro-Cuba) should be placed "on their professors, instructors and teachers."

To hold only the academic profession responsible for these demonstrations is, again, a blanket implication that teachers, in and of themselves, are suspect.

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In short, it seems legitimate to inquire whether "true" pro-Americanism and anti-communism can only be equated with political and economic arch-conservatism; and whether there aren't also risks for America when a needed sense of national urgency becomes tinged with irresponsible broadsides against whole segments of our society.

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BUD CLAESON IS SOCIETY'S 'CHARTER MAN'
Guitar hummed in a hot, steamy night

culture department plant physiologist in St. Paul, and his wife stepped out for a breath of air, Lofgren, the society's president; Claeson, its secretary-treasurer, and Dave Williams, who acts as the group's archivist and lyric collector, discussed the aims and objectives of the society.

"First, though," said Lofgren, a 25-year-old graduate student in physics at the University of Minnesota, "let me tell you about 'Will the Weaver.' It will sort of set the stage.

"IT'S A BRITISH broadside—that's a song, poem or political essay, printed on one side of a single sheet of paper, as was in

these were fused together with local and regional ideas and playing techniques."

He went on to explain that the society got its formal start May 13 at a "hootenanny" at the university.

"THE 'U' wanted American folk music represented at their creative arts festival. We had been thinking for some months of forming a group, so we did right then."

"As soon as our charter man, (23-year-old Claeson, a June graduate of the university law school) passes his bar exam," Williams said, "we'll get a charter and incorporate."

Kenneth, 2, to bed, caught the end of her husband's remarks.

"BUT THERE are a few private collections in the state," she said, "and we're trying to track them down."

Williams nodded and continued: "The Library of Congress would like to see the university become an archive for folk music. It's going to be quite a problem, though, with all the different languages in this state.

"And one area that badly needs collecting are the songs of the north woods lumberjacks."

Williams said that there has been a renaissance of

May 12, 1961

[redacted]
Minneapolis Tribune Editorial Staff
Minneapolis 15, Minn.

Dear [redacted]

So, they've got you at it, too!

I refer to this dirty business of fighting anti-Communists and trying to block and discredit every move to expose and check the Communist movement and influence in the United States. You certainly went all out in your article on the editorial page under the head, " 'Project Action' Has High Aims but Disquieting Undercurrents. "

I recall you as a by-line reporter, and was unaware, until I saw this shocking article, that you had been admitted to the inner sanctum of the "deep thinkers" of the Star and Tribune editorial staff, whose principal mission in life seems to be the abolition of the Un-American Activities Committee, and the destruction, through misrepresentation and villification, of all the groups and individuals who are trying to hold the line against the tide of socialism that is undermining the pillars of this republic and the capitalist system upon which our economy and way of life are based. It seems a pity that a young man like yourself, who surely does not want to leave a legacy of big debt and socialism to his children, should permit himself to be used in this way.

The "voice is the voice of [redacted] but the hand is the hand of [redacted] the Commie loving editor who has been distorting and trying to stop the showing of the film "Operation Abolition" and attacking the Un-American Activities Committee, the John Birch Society, and all anti-Communist groups. I presume you were picked to do this dirty hatchet job on the "Project Action" meeting held at the Naval Air Station under the auspices and sponsorship of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, the Minneapolis Council of Civic Clubs, and the Governor of the State of Minnesota, because of the heat that has been turned on [redacted] for his previous activities and articles.

Before we dig into some of the astonishing twists and comments of your pretended "objective" article, I want to state that we know about [redacted]'s attempt to have the meeting stopped by petitioning the Navy Department and other authorities at Washington not to permit use of the naval air station, a use which cost the government nothing, and his prevention of use of a Navy plane to assure safe conduct for the two defecting former Russian officers who spoke at the meeting. If [redacted] and the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, are really opposed to Communism, they have strange ways of showing it. We know of no case in which they have tried to prevent any of the Communist speakers who have come to the Twin Cities to speak under the auspices of the University authorities. On the other hand, the Star and Tribune has glorified these people with large front page publicity, even with their pictures in color. Is this the way the Tribune fights Communism? Or is it preparing to come out openly in favor of adoption of the Communist system, more of it, in this country?

In your abortive attempt to discredit the meeting, the speakers, and the entire program of fighting Communism, you deplore the statement made by some

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speaker that the blame for the student demonstrations at San Francisco - and elsewhere - should be placed on their professors, instructors and teachers." You imply that is holding the academic profession responsible for these demonstrations, a blanket implication that teachers, in and of themselves, are suspect." No speaker said that all the teachers were suspect, and you know it. But you deliberately ignore the evidence that not only have these students been influenced by the well-known number of Communist and fellow-traveling professors in the California colleges, especially University of California, but that some of them were among the rioters, helping to lead them and incite them. The speakers did not overlook the fact that the riot was organized by the Communist Party and that it had been planned by them for many weeks, just as soon as it was known that the Committee was to hold a session in San Francisco. But the teachers must accept their share of the responsibility. The teachers, the loyal ones, who do not know what is going on, had best wake up and clean out these rats and eliminate their subversive, Un-American philosophy and influence from our educational system. I guess you and [redacted] do not agree with that, do you?

And what is sacred about ministers that are consciously, or unconsciously, using their cloth and their pulpit to do the work of the Communist conspiracy? They are more despicable than the Rosenbergs whom they tried to free. Have you ever carefully examined the evidence of this, [redacted] I wonder if you are the kind of gardener who will do nothing to kill the crab grass in your yard for fear of harming some of the good grasses.

As for your attempts to imply that there were admissions that the film "Operation Abolition" was not authentic because a speaker admitted that one or two phases of it were out of sequence, not "out of context" as you claim, that is just some more of the bunk on which this whole campaign against the film originated by a Communist publication and parroted by fellows like you and [redacted] has been carried on. There was no such admission because, as you know, the sequence of Harry Bridges' part in the riot had no effect upon the authenticity and integrity of the film.

You speak, deprecatingly, of "militant anti-Communists." Why, [redacted] do you consider it more patriotic to be militantly anti-anti-Communist than militantly anti-Communist? Just what is wrong with being "militantly" anti-Communist? If the Star and Tribune had even been mildly anti-Communist at any time, you might have something to talk about. But, on every occasion the Star and Tribune has rejoiced when men like [redacted] and other collaborators with the Red Chinese have been ordered restored to their jobs by the Supreme Court. The Star defended the innocence of and deplored the prosecution of Alger Hiss, right up to the minute the jury brought in its verdict of "Guilty." It has insisted that Robert Oppenheimer should be restored to his job on the atomic energy project, where he could once more give aid and comfort to the enemy, as strongly indicated by the evidence at his hearing, a man who admitted contributing more than \$1,000 a year of his salary to the Communist Party. The Star and Tribune rejoiced when the Supreme Court in its infamous decisions of June 17, 1957, used the most amazing and farfetched technicalities to set free a number of proven traitors and conspirators, bringing down upon it the wrath and official reprimand of the American Bar Association, for the lawlessness of its decisions. Chief Justice Earl Warren was chiefly responsible for those decisions.

Perhaps, you and [redacted] who do not think that "true pro-Americanism and anti-Communism can only be equated with political and economic conservatism," can lead the way to a better way of fighting Communism. But, to date, your record does not indicate it. What you are trying to do is to rid the country of conservatism and conservatives, denying these conservatives the right to speak and have their views objectively and honestly reported, so that your "liberal" Utopia can come into its own without obstruction by the "wicked, unenlightened" old fogies who want to preserve the American way and its freedoms. If you have

your way, every citizen will, within our lifetime, become a ward of the government, as in Russia, and our once free and independent government will be just another state in a World Government dominated by the Communists and cannibals that are now attaining a majority in the United Nations.

I doubt if the slogan, "militant anti-Communists are a greater danger than Communists," is catching on among very many people, especially those who have seen the film "Operation Abolition." You had better come up with something new. Keep reading the Weekly Worker, the People's World, and the Reporter, with some enlightened editorials by the Washington Post and New York Post and the Saturday Review and Christian Century thrown in for flavor - you'll come up with something.

Yours very truly,

Claude Efnor

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[redacted]
Minneapolis 10, Minn.

Dear [redacted]

My wife, accompanied by my daughter and our twelve year-old granddaughter, attended services at Lake Harriet Methodist Church yesterday. They noticed that you also attended the service. I believe you are a member.

They were deeply shocked at the so-called sermon preached by the pastor, [redacted]. My daughter was so shocked that she put a note in the collection basket saying that she was very sorry she had brought her daughter to sit through such a sermon. Even our granddaughter, with whom the subject was not discussed, remarked as they were going out, "I didn't like that preacher." However, I fear that not many children her age would be so discerning.

It seems that the topic, instead of being a sermon on morality, right living, and Christian principles in general, was a denunciation of the Un-American Activities Committee, the film "Operation Abolition," and the John Birch Society, and political conservatives and conservatism in general. He claimed that the film was a misrepresentation (the current Communist line), a vicious distortion of the facts as regards the disgraceful Communist led student riot at the Committee's attempted hearings at San Francisco last year. Among other things, I understand that he said that there were many worse things in this country than Communism and one of them was this right wing movement which he denounced as subversive and more dangerous than Communism. This follows the line taken by the pro-Communist press and fronts and such ministers as the [redacted] at Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

Since he used some quotes of something of J. Edgar Hoover, out of context, I am enclosing some extensive quotes from Hoover, describing the San Francisco meeting, the Communist planning and organizing which led up to it and the general background of the "Operation Abolition" film. You see, Mr. Hoover's operators were present at the riot. [redacted] and [redacted] were not. I am enclosing a copy of the January edition of my paper, the Northwest Industrial News, in which the attacks upon the film are refuted with the actual facts.

What distresses me is that substantial citizens and staunch Americans will support these Communist loving preachers in their pulpits, using their cloth and positions to indoctrinate captive audience with Communist lies and propaganda. Fellow travelers are doing more, knowingly and willfully, to destroy America and turn this republic into a near replica, ally and vassal of Soviet Russia, than all the card carrying Communists in the world. Without such people in influential places as [redacted] the Communist movement would die aborning, and the American people and our government would be able to present an effective, solid front to the aspirations and aggressions of the Communist movement.

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Is it possible that your congregation has been so subtly brainwashed by this individual whose salary you are paying to direct and mold the thinking and character of the young people, (and older ones, too) in your church, that you have come to accept this sort of thing as the sincere and honest convictions of a man of good Christian intentions? Naturally, you would believe that, being a minister, he could think no wrong and tell no lies. Therein lies the enormous power of the influence the Communist movement is exercising through our pulpits. Every time someone dares, as in the case of the John Birch Society, to refer to the fact that more than 6,000 Protestant ministers (with names given) have been consciously doing the work of the Communist Party, a great hue and cry goes up that an attack is being made on the sacred Christian ministry and that they are being smeared. That is the tactic they also have used in preventing investigation of Communism in the schools on the west coast. The Committee had a long list of names of teachers in colleges, high schools, and public schools who had been thoroughly investigated and were known agents of the Communist Party, in many cases actual Party card carrying members. Two years ago, they, with their allies, the "liberal" ministry, raised such a fuss that the Committee was compelled to call off its hearings after having served a number of subpoenas. Last MAY, the Committee appeared in San Francisco, on a somewhat different mission, but the Communists were well-organized to stop them. All sorts of lies were published, one was that innocent teachers had been smeared because they were served with subpoenas to testify. It was alleged, falsely, that the subpoenas were served publicly, in front of their students, and that the whole teaching profession was being smeared. It was also alleged that this was being done without their being given a chance to defend themselves. It so happens that I get a copy of every hearing of the Un-American Activities Committee. No one is persecuted. They have counsel sitting beside them and are given complete freedom to consult with counsel while testifying. If anyone is asked if he is a Communist, has been a Communist, or knows any Communists, and does not, all he has to do is say no. But, they will not testify, because to say no would be perjury and since the Hiss trial the one thing a Communist fears most is a perjury trial. So, they make every effort, as [redacted] is doing, to discredit the Committee and prevent the hearings. But at San Francisco, they overplayed their hands. The riot was so blatant that a number of newspaper men took moving pictures of it. "Operation Abolition" film is a composite of those pictures. If you have not seen the film I advise you to do so. It will shock and alarm you beyond anything you could possibly expect. It is incredible that it could happen in America. [redacted] claimed that the students merely protested because they were barred from the hearing room. That is a complete lie. The room was packed with this mob.

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So, the Communists and fellow travelers, who accept 95% of their program, are truly alarmed. This film has hurt them worse than anything that has ever happened to them. That is why they are making such desperate efforts to discredit the film. Actually, they have no grounds whatsoever for their charges, as you will see when you view the film.

Of course, people who have not seen it, are apt to take the word of their pastors, and editors, such as [redacted] that the film is false, lying, misleading, distorted and vicious, even though they can cite no basis for it except that in composing the film they got the Bridges scene at the beginning of the first day's riot instead of the end of the day. He got the gang fired up again for the second day's rioting, which in some respects was worse than the first. This slight error had no effect whatever upon the substantial authenticity of the film, all of which is supported by J. Edgar Hoover's extensive and detailed report.

I am alarmed at what is happening in our churches, even more than in our Universities and public schools where the young folks are being taught that capitalism is criminal and must be eventually replaced by the welfare state and government ownership. The thing that alarms me, is as I said, that

substantial citizens will tolerate these preachers and raise money to provide churches and bigger salaries for them to preach this foreign doctrine and support the aims of the Communist Party. It is all very well to say these people are just "liberals" and are not Communists. Maybe they don't believe in overturning the government by violence; maybe they only accept 90% or 95% of the Communist platform. What is the difference when the end result will be the same? Why, if they do not believe in Communism, do such men as [redacted] never preach a sermon against it, pointing out the danger of it and how it is operating in this country to destroy that great charter of liberty, under which they take refuge when they are called upon to testify against the Communist Party, the U.S. Constitution? If they are sincere Americans, who want to preserve the American freedoms and way of life, why do they constantly fight anti-Communists and the work and personnel of the Un-American Activities Committee.

If [redacted] has seen "Operation Abolition" he is deliberately lying through his teeth. If he has not seen it, he is deliberately following the Communist line in trying to discredit something he knows nothing about, except from hearsay. I am sure, that if I circulate this letter, as I intend to do, he will get to see it and I hope that he will sue me. I am sure, however, that he will not. But if he should, I shall be more than pleased to bring him and this whole rotten thing into court and let the truth about these fellow traveling preachers be aired.

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As I said above, what distresses and alarms me most is that responsible people support these men with their money and church attendance. By doing so, they are guilty, in my opinion, of helping the Communist cause through their naivete and complacency - and money. Without their support, [redacted] would be helpless, inept and harmless. As it is, I am sure that they are very dangerous and destructive. The trouble is that too many people do not want to start a controversy - they rather let the country go to hell than to buck the organization, whatever it might be. If their pastor, or their ward leaders, tell them that something has been arranged, they meekly accept without a word of protest, simply because they don't want to buck the leaders. They are afraid and naive and then they privately kick about what happens afterward.

I am sorry to have felt that I must write this letter. Not to have done so would have been a dereliction of my duty as a loyal American.

Cordially yours,

Claude Efnor

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Alderson had heard the same story yesterday from 75 stern-faced men, some in suits, most in shirt sleeves, who gathered to tell him about their problems in the Pennington county courthouse at Thief River Falls.

THE MEN were members of agricultural stabilization and conservation (ASC) committees, members of county disaster committees, county agents and representatives of other state and local agencies of seven counties in northwestern Minnesota.

They represented the hopes, frustrations and failures of farmers in Kittson, Roseau, Red Lake, Pennington, Polk, Marshall and Clearwater counties, some of the worst-hit areas in the state.

This is the picture these men painted for the governor as they made their reports into by county.

There are spots in some of our wheat fields here the heads are turning white. They're empty.

We are feeding hay to the right now, to stretch pasture. That's pasture drought.

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Upper Midwest to Get More Heat

More heat, with some scattered showers as the weather prospect today in the Upper Midwest.

High forecast in the Twin Cities is 85, the low 60.

Wisconsin cars expect a high of 76 to 83 today. The temperature in Superior, Wis., Saturday morning fell to 37 degrees, a record low for the state.

Almanac

It's All in Your Point of View

Sunday, July 9, 1961

On the cover of the Osseo telephone directory it says:

OSSEO ROGERS ST. MICHAEL including Anoka, Minneapolis and other Suburban Communities

and warmer in the Cities today with light breeze. High 85, low 60.

A south Minneapolis mother sent her little boy to the neighborhood dairy store. When he returned without accomplishing his mission, she asked why.

"The store burned down," reported matter-of-factly, he had.

his autograph, at his temporary home of Farrell C. Stehm, 1925 S. Irving Av.

his wife arrives from Cuba. She is scheduled to fly here Wednesday.

Aquatennial to Set Sail on Friday

The 1961 Minneapolis Aquatennial will open this week with a splash and a twirl.

The first events—the water ski tournament and baton twirling contest—will begin at 8 a.m. Friday at Lake of the Isles and Minnehaha park, respectively.

The organ contest will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the American Hardware Mutual Insurance building, 3033 Excelsior Blvd. The Upper Midwest sailing regatta will begin at 10 a.m. Friday at Lake Calhoun.

At 1:30 p.m. Friday, the concert band contest will start at the Lake Harriet bandstand.

The Great Lakes navy band will be on hand to welcome finalists in the Aquatennial Explorer Scout canoe race at 4 p.m. Friday at the finish line at the Gray Co. landing, 60 NE. 11th Av., on the Mississippi river.

INSTRUMENT contests will commence at 5 p.m. Friday at the Pick-Niccollet hotel. Band jamboree will start from downtown Minneapolis hotels at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, are square dancing at Southdale Garden court and a production of the "Bloomer Girl" in the Mississippi showboat at the University of Minnesota landing.

At 8:30 p.m. Friday the Aqua Follies will start at Theodore Wirth park and the "Admiral's Ball" will begin at Calhoun Beach hotel. The massed band concert will be at 9 p.m. on Donaldson's canopy.

Saturday the water ski tourney will continue at 8 a.m.; the concert band contest will start at 8:30 a.m. at Lake Harriet, and the sailing regatta will resume at Lake Calhoun at 10 a.m.

THE MINNESOTA River regatta will start at 11 a.m. at Mankato, Minn. At noon the Southdale Garden Court show will begin at Southdale and Editors Day luncheon will start at the Leanington hotel.

The pre-parade show will be at Parade stadium at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and the 22nd annual Grande Day parade will start there at 2:30 p.m.

Obedience dogs will be on parade at the Thomas Av. beach at Lake Calhoun at 4 p.m. Saturday and the popular singing contest will begin at 6 p.m. at WTCN-WTCN TV.

"Bloomer Girl" will begin at the university showboat at 7 p.m. Saturday. The International musicale at Parade stadium and the Lake Harriet concert will commence at 8 p.m.

The Aqua Follies will have two shows Saturday—8:30 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. A second performance of "Bloomer Girl" will be at 8 p.m.

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Artificial Blood Solves Key Problem in Heart Surgery

By VICTOR COHN
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Artificial blood is making its appearance in open-heart surgery.

In one form, it is something astonishingly simple—plain water with a little syrup added.

The development promises to make open-heart surgery even more common by solving one of its most vexing problems: a fresh blood supply for the artificial heart-and-lung machinery.

Perhaps 250 or 75 open-heart operations a day are being done in the United States now. The new development should help extend them to hundreds more hospitals throughout the world.

OPEN-HEART surgery is surgery on the inside of the opened heart, laid bare for the surgeon's knife by diverting the patient's blood stream outside the body through an



Lillehei DeWall Pioneers

artificial heart and artificial lung.

Since this kind of surgery began—with the University of Minnesota and the Mayo clinic leading the nation—collecting fresh blood to start the artificial heart-lung machinery has been one of the main headaches.

It has remained a problem in most places to date.

Commonly eight to 10 pints of freshly drawn blood, painstakingly cross-matched and carefully treated, have been required for the operation.

When a center like Minne-

sota's University hospitals does one or two open-heart operations a day, the fresh-blood and donor-recruiting problems become immense.

THE BLOOD at \$35 a pint, often adds between \$350 and \$500 to the patient's bill.

The massive transfusions carry dangers to him—bleeding problems, virus hepatitis (liver disease) and kidney reactions.

Two new blood substitutes now have been introduced at the University of Minnesota and at Mercy hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla., where the man responsible is a Minnesota-trained heart surgeon.

One substitute is an artificial substance called low-molecular-weight dextran, made in Sweden.

The other is water—plain, distilled water with some syrup added.

Dextran has been used successfully in more than 200 open-heart operations at the university. A series of 27 cases using latest methods was described before the American Medical association in New York last week by Minnesota Doctors Richard A. DeWall and C. Walton Lillehei.

PLAIN WATER—or more accurately sugar-water—has been used in 106 operations in Oklahoma City.

The leader of the effort there is Dr. Nazih Zuhdi, a 36-year-old Lebanese-born surgeon who studied under Lillehei and DeWall at Minnesota in 1956.

How can a substitute fluid safely and effectively replace large amounts of fresh human blood?

Young Zuhdi faced the question four years ago when he left Minnesota for Oklahoma City and found himself without the blood-collecting apparatus of University hospitals.

In reply, he wedded three techniques.

For one thing, he be-

Crime Rate Rises Sharply Among Young Teen-Agers

By HAL QUARFOTH
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Where are they going on this pleasant summer evening that tow-headed grade-schooler walking along Broadway, that 13-year-old boy bicycling near Lake Harriet, that group of early-teens on the corner?

Off to hold up a store, perhaps, or to snatch a purse or ransack a house.

"Shocking? Yes, but often true."

THE MINNESOTA bureau of criminal apprehension said Saturday that a survey of 48 sheriffs and 54 police chiefs in the state showed that more than a third of arrests for major crimes last year involved children 14 and under.

The figure, 3,253 arrests, grew to 6,290 when lesser crimes were included in the

total. In Minneapolis alone, 1,702 children under 15 were arrested, and in St. Paul 1,656.

Over the state 2,250 children under 15 were arrested for larceny, 560 for burglary, 441 for disorderly conduct and 422 for auto theft. There were arrests in lesser numbers for even such adult-type crimes as robbery, forgery and embezzlement.

"YOU NAME the crime and you'll find children committing it," said Edward Mattson, assistant superintendent of the state crime bureau. "And don't think these are all slum kids, or sub-normal children. They

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BILLY GRAHAM SPOKE TO TWIN CITIES MINISTERS ON THE EVE
The evangelist will preach at the State fairgrounds in his first major

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

"When the practice of outlawing parties and various public groups begins, no one can say where it will end."
—Associate Justice Hugo L. Black

Fellow-Americans:

Your constitutional rights, your security and welfare, have been placed in mortal danger by decisions of a one-vote majority in the Supreme Court in two so-called anti-Communist cases on June 5, 1961.

By a 5 to 4 vote (including Justice Tom Clark, who should have disqualified himself as the Attorney General who first indicted Communist leaders in 1948 under the Smith Act) the Court has now imperilled the rights of all Americans.

For the first time in America's history, voluntary associations are made subject to licensing by the Federal government, and activity on behalf of a legal political party is to be treated as a crime. This is the meaning of the registration requirements of the McCarran Act of 1950 and the membership clause of the Smith Act of 1940; both of which were upheld by the Supreme Court majority.

As a result:

The Communist Party of the U.S.A. is ordered to register as an "action organization" described in the law as an agent of a foreign power promoting a conspiracy based on espionage, sabotage, terrorism and other heinous crimes. As such it is required to list publicly its officers and members.

Persons described as "active" Communists can be jailed on testimony it was their "intent" to bring about the forcible overthrow of the government.

Under the McCarran Act a body of appointed government officials, the Subversive Activities Control Board, is given the right to decide who may or may not voluntarily associate themselves in any organization. The Board may decide this, moreover, purely on the basis of the legislative "findings" of guilt in the Act itself. The accused is denied the right to trial.

At the same time these laws make it possible to attach the false designation of "action organization" or "front" to political parties, peace groups, labor unions, Negro organizations and a wide variety of civic bodies. After that, their members are deprived of many rights. They become subject to criminal prosecution unless they accede to public self-denunciation as traitors to their country or join the anti-Communist witch hunt.

Failure to comply with the registration order carries the fantastic penalty of a five-year prison sentence and a \$10,000 fine for each day of such failure.

In Hitler Germany a special group, the Jews, were singled out and compelled to wear a yellow arm band with the Star of David. In the U.S. today—unless the McCarran and Smith Acts are nullified—organizations which refuse to conform to the views of the powers-that-be are likewise to be compelled to bear a government-designed brand.

Under the labelling provision of the McCarran Act even the Declaration of Independence or the Bible—if distributed by a group branded by the S.A.C.B. as a "Communist action" organization—would be required to bear on their covers a label designating them as Communist propaganda.

Any group can under the McCarran Act be designated as a Communist front organization and be forced to register and suffer similar sanctions if it merely took a position which the S.A.C.B. regarded as paralleling a position of the Communist Party.

Nor is organized labor immune. More than once, unions have been branded by courts as conspiracies seeking illegal ends. Today they are shackled by the Taft-Hartley and Landrum-Griffin Acts which subject them to close government control. From here it is not a long step to their inclusion in a "Communist front" dragnet.

Once labelled, an organization's members become liable by that very act to prosecution under the individual membership clause of the Smith Act—a built-in unconstitutional self-incrimination device. Clearly, the Communist Party cannot go along with such un-American practices, no more than can militant trade unions or the embattled Southern chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People when faced with like demands.

The Court majority's disregard of traditional constitutional rights rests basically on two stale fraudulent arguments: that the Communists are foreign agents and that they advocate the forcible overthrow of our government.

The "foreign agent" canard has been used by reaction throughout our history to divide popular movements and discredit dissenters. Thomas Jefferson and his followers were labelled "Jacobins," agents of the French Revolution. Sen. Robert LaFollette and other loyal Americans were assailed as "pro-German" because they opposed our entrance into World War I. And have not our Catholic fellow-Americans, in and out of public life, been slanderously branded as loyal to a foreign power, the Vatican?

Let the truth be that in the entire 42-year history of the Communist Party not a single member has been convicted or even indicted as a foreign agent or for engaging in sabotage or treason. Nor has a single member ever been convicted of an act of force directed against our government.

To discard cherished democratic American rights in the name of "fighting communism" can only disgrace our nation. It places us in the company of fascist nations like Spain and Portugal and military dictatorships like the Dominican Republic and South Korea (and of the neo-Nazi dominated West Germany). Only such undemocratic countries resort to extraordinary laws banning the Communist Parties. Significantly, in those countries where McCarthyite type of reaction does not rule—England, France, Holland, Sweden, Belgium, Italy, etc.—Communists have normal legal rights as part of the political community. Indeed, Communist Parties today exist as entirely legal organizations in scores of countries throughout the world.

The McCarran Act was jammed through Congress on September 30, 1950 in the Korean War hysteria over the veto of President Truman. In his veto message President Truman warned:

... these (registration) provisions are not merely ineffective and unworkable. They represent a clear and present danger to our institutions."

These words were not heeded, and the Act, with its fantastic registration provisions which would require the Party's officers to be informers for a police dragnet, was passed. But this cannot and will not happen. There will be no betrayal of the confidence of a single member or supporter of the party or any organization or trade union.

The Communist Party will defend its right to a legal existence under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights as a legitimate current in American political life, a movement that can trace its history back a full century into our history, from the Communists who supported Lincoln and the Union through the old Socialist Party.

The Communist Party has taken legal steps to request a rehearing by the Supreme Court and will exhaust every resource to halt the oppression of these iniquitous laws and their dire consequences for the liberties of all Americans. At the same time the Communist Party will place its case before the highest court of all, the bar of public opinion. For we have profound confidence in the great democratic traditions of our land and are fully convinced that the Court's 5-4 decisions of June 5 will yet be reversed by a popular majority.

We recall that a Supreme Court majority once held in the Dred Scott case that a Negro had no rights that a white man was bound to respect—and that this decision was swept away and that the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments were added to our Constitution. We recall that another court in the infamous Plessy v. Ferguson decision decreed the pernicious "separate but equal" doctrine of segregation—and that this, too, was later swept away. And we recall that in President Roosevelt's time a reactionary majority decreed against New Deal laws—only to be swept aside by the popular will.

We have profound confidence in the American people. We are proud of those in the American tradition—Abolitionists, trade unionists, liberals, Negro leaders—who contributed so much to the democratic struggle and never flinched before threats of prosecution, jail or terror. Today's Freedom Riders are in that great tradition.

Sharing that heritage, we Communists face the future calmly. Neither the Palmer Raids of the World War I period nor the persecutions of the McCarthy era succeeded in destroying the Communist movement. Nowhere in the world has fascism, terror or repression accomplished that aim. The Communist Party of the U.S.A. will survive and the struggle for peace, security, democracy and a socialist order ending the exploitation of man by man will survive—and grow.

It is not for ourselves alone that we speak. For we know full well that reactionary laws like the McCarran and Smith Acts have an evil purpose and a relentless logic and that in nation after nation the destruction of the democratic rights of all began with the attack "only" on the Communists. Inevitably the assault spread and sought to destroy all who stood for peace, economic security and democratic rights—the trade unions, Socialists, the Jews, the liberals.

That is why we say to all our fellow-Americans, irrespective of political faith: The bell tolls not for the Communists alone but for the hard-won rights of all Americans. All must act together to save American constitutional liberties.

Speak up! Speak up today as an individual or through your organization.

Let the President, the Attorney General and the Congress know that America wants an end to these fascist-like laws. America does not want to go down the road to concentration camps and a garrison state. Americans want to maintain their constitutional rights to proceed in their own way towards their own new frontiers through the political parties and voluntary organizations of their own free choice.

Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter, on June 23, acted upon a petition from the Communist Party for a rehearing and reconsideration of its case. He ordered a postponement of the date when the McCarran Act would become effective, until after the Court reconvenes on Oct. 2 and decides whether or not it will review its previous 5 to 4 decision.

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Can We No Longer Tolerate Free Speech?

ELSEWHERE in the Sunday Tribune there appears today an advertisement signed by the national committee of the Communist party of the U.S.A., although the advertisement is said to be inserted and paid for by "Minnesota citizens of diverse political views and affiliations."

The same advertisement was published June 22 in the New York Times.

In our opinion, our nation is engaged in a life-or-death struggle against communism. The imperialism of Russia and China is threatening the continued existence of the free world. Events in Berlin or the Far East could trigger an atomic war. Even without such an all-out war, America must face up to a long, grinding "cold" war or series of "limited" wars against the military, economic and ideological thrusts of these two new giants of Communist totalitarianism.

BUT TODAY'S advertisement rightly—in our opinion—questions the wisdom and desirability for all Americans of a supreme court decision June 5 upholding the constitutionality of the so-called McCarran act of 1950. Under this law, the Communist party of the U.S.A. would be required to register as a foreign-controlled arm of international communism, supplying the justice department with the names of Communist party officers and members and the sources and uses of its funds.

The supreme court also on June 5 upheld the so-called Smith act of 1940, under which membership in an organization is a crime if the member "knows" that the organization advocates the overthrow of our government by force.

Neither of these decisions by the supreme court was unanimous. The court split 5-4 on both decisions, with Justice Black stating for the minority that "the first banning of an association because it advocates hated ideas—whether that association be called a political party or not—marks a fateful moment in the history of a free country."

On June 23, 18 days after the court had ruled on these two cases, Justice Frankfurter, who had written the court's majority opinion upholding the McCarran act, granted the Communist party's request that enforcement of the court's ruling be postponed until the court could rehear the case next October. Frankfurter apparently granted the rehearing because Communist party officials had pointed out that compliance with the registration provisions of the McCarran act would automatically incriminate them under the terms of the Smith act.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION of this matter by the supreme court, we think, is indeed in the interest of all Americans, not just the Communist party.

Justice Black, in his dissent from Justice Frankfurter's majority ruling, said he would "leave the Communists free to advocate their beliefs in proletarian dictatorship publicly and openly among the people of this country with full confidence that the people will remain loyal to any democratic government truly dedicated to freedom and justice—the kind of government which some of us still think of as being 'the last best hope of earth.'"

The major issue at stake, perhaps, is whether the American people still have

enough confidence in their traditional concepts of free speech and free association to believe that the American dream can withstand the blandishments of a foreign ideology.

Is it still possible for us to feel as Thomas Jefferson felt 160 years ago in his first inaugural address: "If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve this union or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it?"

Perhaps the techniques of influencing people's thoughts and actions have improved so much since Jefferson's day that our society can no longer safely tolerate the insidious attachment of the Communist party, U.S.A., to the ideals of freedom and justice and equality upon which our country was founded. Perhaps we should no longer permit someone who claims to be a homegrown, domestic, genuinely American spokesman for international communism to voice his views among us. Perhaps any kind of Communist must be quarantined. Perhaps . . .

ENFORCEMENT OF THESE acts may well discourage some outlandish oratory from the soap box, oratory which so far has not deluded many Americans; but will these acts uncover or help convict the men and women trained by Moscow or Peiping? Are these acts vital to the military security of our country, or has our confidence in ourselves and in democracy become so shaky that we must, in effect, outlaw ideas which challenge our way of life? Will these acts bring us security, or simply an illusory "peace of mind"?

Are we so afraid of Communist ideas that it is no longer safe for us to listen to them? Are we so frightened that we can no longer distinguish between the good things which communism, for reasons of its own, often supports and the bad things which we know communism brings with it? Are we ready to start down the road of believing that only the Republican and Democratic parties are "safe" to belong to, and that some day perhaps even one of them . . . ?

This question of the extent to which traditional American rights and freedoms may have to be curtailed, temporarily or permanently, as we fight a relentless and merciless cold war, will doubtless recur in many shapes and forms during the decades ahead. The question is central to our continued existence as a free society.

In our opinion, the United States is not yet in a position where it is necessary—if it ever is necessary in a democratic society in peacetime—to adopt totalitarian methods in order to combat totalitarianism.

Breakfast Ballad

COMFORTING THOUGHT WHILE
SINGING 'AMERICA'

I'd like to visit, if I could,
Each rock and templed hill and wood.
But since I can't, this thought abides:
I'll see them on my neighbor's slides.

—Bradley L. Morison.

'Hootenanny' Tells Folk Song Story



BUD CLAESON IS SOCIETY'S 'CHARTER MAN'
Guitar hummed in a hot, steamy night

culture department plant physiologist in St. Paul, and his wife stepped out for a breath of air, Lofgren, the society's president; Claeson, its secretary-treasurer, and Dave Williams, who acts as the group's archivist and lyric collector, discussed the aims and objectives of the society.

"First, though," said Lofgren, a 25-year-old graduate student in physics at the University of Minnesota, "let me tell you about 'Will the Weaver.' It will sort of set the stage.

"IT'S A BRITISH broadside—that's a song, poem or political essay, printed on one side of a single sheet of paper, as ours in

these were fused together with local and regional ideas and playing techniques."

He went on to explain that the society got its formal start May 13 at a "hootenanny" at the university.

"THE 'U' wanted American folk music represented at their creative arts festival. We had been thinking for some months of forming a group, so we did right then."

"As soon as our charter man, (23-year-old Claeson, a June graduate of the university law school) passes his bar exam," Williams said, "we'll get a charter and incorporate"

Kenneth, 2, to bed, caught the end of her husband's remarks.

"BUT, THERE are a few private collections in the state," she said, "and we're trying to track them down."

Williams nodded and continued: "The Library of Congress would like to see the university become an archive for folk music. It's going to be quite a problem, though, with all the different languages in this state.

"And one area that badly needs collecting are the songs of the north woods lumberjacks."

Williams said that there has been a renaissance of

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The great pity about Stevenson as our Ambassador to the UN is that he believes, as we believe Secretary of State, Dean Rusk does, that Red China should be admitted to the UN, in spite of their posture that now is not the time. Their attitude that it is inevitable, is the attitude of men who have given up. Stevenson can pretend to oppose the Red recognition, because it is unpopular and supposedly contrary to government policy. But his opposition will not extend to using our influence to keep other nations in line. Although in our humble opinion, Henry Cabot Lodge was not as great a representative on the UN as some of his ardent admirers believed, he did use U.S. influence to keep Red China out and would have continued to keep it out. Adlai will not because he is naturally a weak, passive, and timid individual, and because he believes we should recognize them.

Will some one explain to us how we and the cause of freedom will profit by recognizing this bandit government? England wishes to do so because England lives on foreign trade and has always been for expediency in diplomacy that would help her foreign trade. The world has suffered a number of wars because of her attitude, and in the last two World Wars. Her present attitude of appeasement of the Reds is typical. It might do a little good to give industry a shot in the arm by some emergency tax relief, such as quicker amortization of new plants and equipment. Mr. Keiser and his staff also use big, brave words about building up our foreign trade and of all things, attracting foreign investments to this country, the last thing we need more of!

But these are not fundamental measures which will get to the core of the trouble. It will do little good to hasten amortization, or depreciation, of machinery and plants of those concerns which cannot sell goods because of the ravenous foreign competition. There is little use in blaming our predicament upon the high price of labor. The unions are not going to give up their power to obtain higher wages, even if it breaks every firm in the nation which provides employment. There is also the recurring tendency of the government into operation of industry, as in the Socialist countries. The fact that it does not work out satisfactorily will not be sufficient to stem the inevitable tide of socialism if we don't wake up and face the facts.

But foreign aid goes on, with the new, liberal, One World government planning and calling for more of it. Other nations with whom we have reciprocal trade agreements by which their goods are admitted practically free, continue to tax our goods at the port, or prohibit them entirely and our government does nothing about it. Our foreign policy is based upon giving away this nation's wealth in order to try to beat the Russians! At least, that is the principal excuse given.

As projected in his book, "The Affluent Society," Prof. John Galbraith, one of the Kennedy brain trusters, believes that we will be happier and more affluent if we have less and less, instead of more and more, of the good things of life, the refrigerator, electric gadgets, automobiles, exotic food, nicer clothes, etc. We should give up these things, writes Mr. Galbraith, and give more of our hard earned cash to the government so it can spend it for more of the public manifestations of "economic growth," such as bigger parks, roads, libraries, school buildings, etc.

The paradox is that under Prof.

"DOODLER" DUFFE DIALOGUES

Old Loading Dock Philosopher
Has Fingers Crossed On "New Frontiers" Policies



Doodler Duffe

Dan the Driver: "Greetings and top of the mornin', Doodler. Well, let's get on with the loadin'. Meantime, what's your doodlin' pad talkin' about these days?"

Doodler Duffe: "Well, there's sure plenty to doodle on, these days, with a lot of 'new frontier' stuff in the air down at Washington. Enough to keep a couple doodlin' pads busy all the time. Only thing is, I don't happen to be ambidextrous."

Dan: "Well, what do you make of it all?"

Doodler: "Well, I suppose the safest thing to say could be 'no comment' at this time. But things aren't always as simple as they look when they are proposed with brave words, clothed in lofty ideals. Guess that people of different political beliefs want plenty of everything for everybody. Trouble is that too many of us are gettin' to the point where we want these things just as a matter of right, without workin' for 'em. If the government is goin' to take care of everybody in their old age - and I'm not speakin' now of the impoverished ones that are really needy - they'll soon be expected to take care of them all the way from the cradle to the grave. I just don't believe that this is any more necessary now than it was a hundred years ago. And I don't think this country could ever have done as well as it

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Washington Day Speaker Has Famous Instrument Collection

Dr. Mark Graubard, the principal speaker on the February 22 Washington Birthday program of the Hennepin County Republican Club, has built the largest collection in America, nationally famous, of ancient scientific instruments such as water clocks, Heron's engines, his musical organ, models of the Ptolemaic system and the Eudoxian Spheres, the inventions of Archimedes, gnomons, armillary and planimetric astrolabes, etc. These were shown for 16 weeks on the University of Minnesota's opening educational program in 1957. He is the author of *Man, The Slave and Master*, *Man's Food*, *Its Rhythm and Reason*, *Astrology and Alchemy*, *Two Fossil Sciences*, *The Foundations of Life Science*, and numerous essays on the history of science. He was winner of the George Washington Honor Medal in 1956. He is also the author of 14 technical papers on enzymes and hormones and their relation to skin pigment - his special field of interest. Dr. Graubard will speak to the Washington Day Dinner audience on a non-scientific subject, but one in which all should be interested, the infiltration and influence of Marxist philosophy in our educational institutions.

See Graubard announcement

Let's Tear The Masks Off The Critics of "Operation Abolition"

By Claude Efnor

I have been greatly disturbed to learn that during my absence from the city on a long deferred vacation, Mr. Robert W. Smith, an editorial writer on the Minneapolis Star, who has been criticized before for authoring "pro-Communist" editorials, viciously attacked the documentary film "Operation Abolition" and incidentally, the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives for conducting, or trying to conduct, hearings regarding Communist activities on the West Coast last May. The editorial which touched off a fusillade of protest in the Letters to Editor column of the Star, appeared in the January 2 edition of the Star, under Mr. Smith's signature. You may recall Robert W. Smith as having had some trouble with conservatives and patriots during the Menshikov visit to Minneapolis for his editorial (unsigned) entitled, "Who's afraid of the Reds."

Following up the newspaper's defense of Mr. Smith's attack upon the film, the Star printed in the space usually used by Smith for his signed articles, a sermon on the same subject by Rev. Alvin C. Currier, pastor of the Westminster Larger Parish, Mountain Lake, Minnesota. It is a great asset to the Communist conspiracy in this country that it can get a minister to lend his name and title and position to defend its activities and advance its cause. Unfortunately, Rev. Currier is not the only minister in the country who is playing the Communist game for them, either consciously or unconsciously. It is hard to believe that educated men, such as he, Bishop Oxnan, and others of the fellow-traveling ilk do not know what they are doing.

By this time, I should be accused to being shocked and disturbed by the attacks upon the "witch-hunters" as Rev. Currier calls the Un-American Activities Committee, by the Minneapolis Star and Tribune. The star's warfare upon the Congressional investigation of the Communist conspiracy in this country dates back more than twenty years, starting with the Dies Committee, back in the thirties, the first effective investigation in this field. Since then it has consistently and unceasingly attacked these committees, particularly their chairmen and has joined in the Communist-led clamor for their abolition. I believe that the Star and Tribune is proudest of all of its part in crucifying the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, the roughest, most ruthless, but most effective exposé of the Communist, fellow-traveler conspiracy in the government defense plants, armed forces, and other vital sections of our country.

It is characteristic of publicists such as Smith and Currier to claim to be anti-Communists. They frequently take pot shots at the dictators like Khrushchev and Castro to prove their point. But their professed opposition to Communism in the abstract, particularly of the foreign brand, is more than offset, and may we say belied, by their opposition to exposing individual Communists, or of convicting them of conspiracy or treason. Their support of Alger Hiss and their attacks upon those who were exposing and trying him, right up to the moment the second jury brought in a verdict of "Guilty as charged," was a case in point. The Star and Tribune have been pretty consistent in defending individuals accused of aiding and abetting the Communist conspiracy in this country. This has been extremely disturbing and difficult to understand in view of the danger this country is facing from the world-wide Communist conspiracy.

Robert Smith's article itself is a distortion of the facts. But Rev. Currier's is worse. Smith says that "roundly critical comments on the film have been cropping up with increasing frequency recently." "to form its own first-hand estimate of the film, the editorial page staff of the Star and Tribune arranged for a private showing of 'Operation Abolition'." It is, as a critical article in *Christian Century* magazine said, "a disturbing film" - but not for exactly the same reasons that the Un-American Activities Committee and some of the film's other sponsors have given.

a publication which uses a religious mask to cover its left-wing political propaganda. We should be surprised at his insinuations that the Un-American Activities Committee is a sinister group of elected representatives in Congress engaged in a wicked game of witch-hunting, as the Communists and Rev. Currier charge. However, in view of Mr. Smith's and the Star and Tribune's record on this matter we are not surprised, but are still shocked and disturbed that a responsible American newspaper owner would permit this kind of stuff to grace the editorial pages of his newspaper and be defended in his editorial column as gospel truth. The cold fact is that the record points to the conclusion that these people rejoice at any movement that would tend to defeat and prevent the successful expose of the Communist conspiracy, as occurred in this case. Mr. Smith is disturbed, he says, that this film is being shown considerably around the Twin Cities and that more than 500 duplicates of the film are in existence over the country. "Produced for profit by a commercial firm from original films subpoenaed (and reportedly unpaid for) by the house committee. The transaction, itself, says Smith, raises some interesting questions. We presume that he regards it as a crime that private enterprise made the composite film and has sold some duplicates, especially if it made a small profit. He thinks that is bad but that it is awful for the committee to accept the films from the newspaper men who recorded the riot, in order to make the composite film, now called "Operation Abolition," without paying the newspaper men a profit. We doubt very much that the processing and distribution of 500 films resulted in much profit for the commercial firm that got the order to produce it. But what was wrong if it did? Is Mr. Smith opposed to private enterprise engaging in producing patriotic films? After all, they have to live, too. Mr. Smith does not work for nothing, does he? He gets paid for writing such un-American editorials as his article in the San Francisco Riot Film is 'Sad Distortion'."

We also fall to understand why he thinks the newspapers should have asked for compensation for taking the pictures. They took them in order to print them in their newspapers or to show on their TV stations, not to sell for profit. We doubt if they sent the government a bill. Why should they? What is Smith's point?

His claims of "distortions and half truths" are not supported by his own article. He blames his case

NEWS BRIEFS

Minneapolis-Moline Co. has announced the establishment of an automotive division for diversification of its product line of engines and other power equipment. Roger R. Hipwell, former manager of industrial sales has been appointed manager of the division.

Principal stockholders of Forman, Ford & Co., veteran Minneapolis paint manufacturing concern, have sold controlling interest in the firm to Chamberlin Co. of America, New York weather strip manufacturers. Lee A. Potter Sr., and Lee Potter, Jr., chairman and president, respectively who owned about 75% of the stock, will continue to manage the Forman, Ford firm.

The Twin Cities Ford plant's Junior Achievement firms, that is, the two sponsored by Ford, are named Drocco (St. Paul), and Jafco (Minneapolis). Figure those out for yourself. Pretty cute names, aren't they? The two are hot contenders for the honor of being named "company of the year" in their respective cities, and thus being named to represent their cities at the National Junior Achievement Conference next summer.

In a reorientation of the tape and ribbon products departments, Robert W. Mueller, a Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co. vice president, has been given overall responsibility for the industrial tape, retail tape and gift wrap, Mid-States Gummed paper

and Derby Sales Divisions. Alan H. Redpath was named general manager of retail tape and gift wrap and fabric division; Robert W. Adam, general manager of industrial tape.

Federal Cartridge Corp. of Minneapolis has been awarded a \$2,855,814 cartridge contract by the Chicago ordinance district to be manufactured at the firm's Anoka plant. This is the largest order since the Korean war, said R. B. Ehlen, vice president and general manager at Anoka.

Industrial Development and Equipment Agency has been organized by John E. Tobin, president of Chrom-O-Lite Co., of Bloomington to provide fiber glass and foam spray to industry through a leasing and rental program. Offices are located in the Northwestern Bank Building, Minneapolis.

Space Structures, Inc., of Chaska, Minnesota, developers and manufacturers of plastics has appointed Robert L. McComan as sales manager and elected Frank B. Weck, president of S.T. McKnight Co., Minneapolis property management firm, to its board of directors.

Economics Laboratories, Inc., of St. Paul, has developed a new line of cleaning products for the transportation industry. Although the firm is said to be the world's largest cleaning detergent maker, this is its first entry into the transportation field.

"U" President Makes Eloquent Plea For Education At Employers' Meeting

Owen Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Minnesota, delivered an impressive and thought provoking address in his role as principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Minnesota Employers Association, January 24. The speech, which showed the effects of thoughtful preparation and the polishing that automatically results from having been delivered, was well received by the business executives and 150 legislators present.

Considering the content of his audience, it was to be expected that Dr. Wilson would use the opportunity to direct his "pitch" toward the pocket books of his listeners. It was a good sales talk on the value to business of higher education and the need for greater support for our institutions of learning.

As this editor listened he became more and more aware of the help the late philosopher and founder of "progressive education" John Dewey had given in preparing it. Dr. Wilson made skillful use of Dewey's pragmatism in developing his theme.

The basic premise of Dewey's philosophy was that there is no absolute good, truth, or virtue, that what may be considered good or truth is that which man selects as the lesser of the evils, that is, he decides upon that which seems to be the most practical of his courses of action. According to his theory, good, virtue, and other qualities of the mind and man's achievements, may be put into a sort of relative category much like Mr. Einstein's theory of the relativity of material things and the universe. Mr. Dewey would have us adopt this as an absolute truth, although he denies the existence of absolutes anywhere. The fact is that his theory can be accepted by a thoughtful person only to a limited degree, like other other generalities. We shall agree that our knowledge, or understanding of what is good or what is true, is not perfect or complete, but some truths have been proven eternal and absolute through human experience. Others may yet be controversial, which is due, not to the utter absence of absolute truth, in the universe, but to mankind's lack of development to the point of grasping it. Socrates went to the other extreme in trying to prove absolute truth through logic. He did not always succeed, as attested by the fact that his disciples did not always completely accept all his conclusions.

Dewey appears to use this as a premise for an offshoot of this theme. However, we feel that it is merely a related tangent. He points out that we never arrive at an absolute goal. If one goal is reached there appears another ahead. This is perpetual and it could be argued that because of this apparent frustration in reaching a final goal, man is doomed to perpetual unhappiness and discontent. But Dewey rejects this conclusion.

Here is where Dr. Wilson came in. He quoted the German philosopher, Georg Hegel's statement that "The past is prologue." He then developed the theme that the present is never final, the goal of achievement is perpetually ahead of us, "the present is also prologue." He pointed out to his audience of practical men that the thing that has set us apart from all other nations and has accounted for our great advances was the recognition by our founding fathers of the value of general education. He says that the reason for our great achievements as a nation is due to the fact that we have extended education further than any nation had ever done before. He said that the Soviet rulers recognized this fact and that they immediately copied this phase of our system by instituting a general education system.

He pointed to the great results that Russia has achieved, citing Sputnik as a symbol of her great progress, making the statement, if we understood him correctly, that Russia appropriates more for education than we do and that, he implied, is the reason she is beating us in space development. We feel, however, that Dr. Wilson gave undue credit to the Russian educational system for Sputnik, and not enough to the host of German scientists and engineers kidnapped by Russia who had been working on this project under the Hitler regime, and

friends claim so much credit to her own scientists. Judging from reports on other Russian progress in science, such as medicine, where it is well known she is very backward, we do not believe that Russian education has, as yet, produced enough genius to have developed these space satellites and missiles except with the guidance of the German scientists. Russia's great handicap in trying to catch the U.S. in anything is the lack of initiative and incentive in her regimented system.

We must take issue, also, with Dr. Wilson's contention that Russia is spending more of her income for education than the U.S. This has been a propaganda theme of the proponents of more money for educators for years. This editor exploded their claim in the November, 1950 issue of this publication. The claim being disseminated by the educators at that time was that Russia was spending 8% of her national income for education, while we were spending only 1.5%. We showed, by incontrovertible figures, that for elementary and secondary schools alone, we spent more than 2% of the national income. And this did not include expenditures for capital investment, such as new buildings and equipment in secondary schools, nor did it include the huge expenditures for higher education - colleges, universities, business colleges, technical schools, etc. Nor did it include the large sums spent by religious institutions in parochial schools, which, alone, would exceed the entire expenditure, in dollars, for education in Soviet Russia. Of course, Russia had a crash program and necessarily was spending a great deal to get her system going. Ours was established. But even then, her appropriations for education did not nearly match ours at that time and since that time we have pulled still farther in front by expending a larger percentage of our national income for education than before. The worst thing, however, about these misrepresented comparisons of Russia's educational expenditures with ours is that they have been false and misleading. The figures given for Russia, Great Britain, and others, were based on the percentage of their national budgets devoted to education - ours on the percentage of our national income. Our professional educators who made up these tricky charts should have been ashamed of themselves.

We shall not dispute with Dr. Wilson, or anybody, else, the great value of education - elementary, secondary, or higher education, even to the Ph. D. class. It is, as Dr. Wilson so ably told his audience, essential to our further national progress, and most important of all to the individual progress of our citizens. Over and above the financial rewards of higher learning there are further compensations in a richer, fuller enjoyment of life and living that is derived from knowledge and intellectual activity.

But, let us leave Russia out of this. Let us quit using fear and jealousy of Russia to wring more funds from our legislatures. There is no sound basis for it. Let our legislators look carefully into how the money requested is to be spent. Certainly, in some respects, there is room for improvement in quality of our education which has no connection with the amount of money being spent. Our college of Education of the U. of M., for instance, which sets the standards, the curricula, the methods, the quality of training of our teachers, and, we regret to say, to a large degree their ideology and their attitudes toward the American system of free enterprise, needs a thorough overhauling.

Ironically, the faults which we find with our College of Education are the products of the same John Dewey, whose philosophy laid much of the basis of the theme for Dr. Wilson's able address. We shall not take space to dwell upon the spectacular deficiencies of "progressive education" of which John Dewey was the father at Teacher's College, Columbia University, which has aroused so much criticism and controversy over the quality of our public schools in recent years, particularly since Sputnik. This publication has gone into that subject rather thoroughly a number of times

HEAR DR. MARK GRAUBARD

In a Sensational Expose of Marxist
Brainwashing In Our Schools

At the Washington Day Dinner Sponsored
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The Hennepin County Republican Club will present Dr. Mark Graubard of the University of Minnesota in an important address at its annual Washington Day Dinner at the Downtown YMCA, Minneapolis, February 22.

Dr. Graubard will reveal the shocking story of how the teaching of patriotism has been eliminated from the textbooks in our public schools, especially our high schools. He will tell why so many of our boys in the Korean War, for the first time in history, conducted themselves unpatriotically by collaboration with the enemy. He will cover the whole field of Marxist infiltration and influence in our educational system. An address every patriotic citizen should hear.



Dr. Graubard

The Hennepin County Republican Club invites you and your families and friends to hear this patriotic and educational program. Make your dinner reservations as early as possible by telephoning FE 5-8080, after 1:30 P.M., Mondays through Fridays, or write Hennepin County Republican Club, 703 Third Ave. S., enclosing check.

Who Is Dr. Graubard?

Dr. Mark Graubard is Professor of Natural Science and History of Science in the College of Science, Literature, and Arts at the University of Minnesota. Born in Poland he came to the United States at the age of 16, becoming an American citizen in 1927. Received bachelor of science degree of College of City of New York, with a Logic and Philosophy Medal, master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from Columbia University, where he also served as a research associate in biological chemistry and traveled abroad on Rockefeller funds for research and study in the history of science, visiting Soviet Russia. He has held important positions in the Department of Agriculture and as an observer on the Senate Committee for Atomic Energy. He became Professor of Natural Science at the University of Chicago and came to the University of Minnesota in 1947.

Dr. Graubard is the author of a number of well known scientific works. He has had signed editorials published in the Saturday Evening Post on current affairs, and is author of several works on issues of our times, including Marxist Brainwashing In Our High Schools and Soviet Technology, American Education and Our Post-War Hysteria.

Hear Dr. Graubard, Minneapolis YMCA, 30 S. Ninth St., February 22. Dinner tickets \$2.50 each. Call or write for reservations, Hennepin County Republican Club, 703 Third Ave. S., FE 5-8080.

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But John Dewey's negative impact upon our national thinking has not been confined to his view upon the philosophy of how our young folks should be educated...

Dewey was a theorist, who spent his life in an academic mental cell and had little conception of existence and progress. He believed that the state should assume the responsibility for the welfare and destiny of its citizens.

"DOODLER" DUFFEY'S DIALOGUES

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has if he had had that kind of government a hundred years ago.

Dan: "Well, name one thing that Pres. Kennedy has proposed that illustrates your point that things ain't as simple as they sound."

Doodler: "Well, for instance, I'm no financier, mind you, as my bank account will show. But there's that little matter of reducing the interest rate on housing loans to get more housing going."

Dan: "I get your point. Maybe we had better wait and see how some of these theories work out."

Doodler: "Another thing, I'm worried about all these strikes and demands for bigger and bigger hourly wages when we're losing our foreign trade and our domestic trade and a lot of people haven't got work."

Dan: "Maybe the Kennedy administration ought to take a long look at the labor situation in the light of that theory. It might come up with some more substantial than some of these cute little remedies it is proposing, which don't seem to me to be more than superficial and temporary remedies, if any."

Doodler: "Well spoken, and I'll say that's quite a speech for you, son. Maybe you'd better be takin' over the doo-dle."

George Counts, Charles Beard, the historian, Harry Bridges, Harold Rugg, Willard Givens, and William H. Kilpatrick. These Dewey disciples claim to abhor Communism, yet most of them come to the defense of Communists whenever they are under fire...

What John Dewey did not understand, and possibly what Dr. Wilson apparently does not fully realize, is that the great achievements of this nation are not all due to our colleges, but individual enterprise due to the freedom of opportunity guaranteed and made possible by our free system of government.

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largely upon a slight, but inconsequential error in the narration which he says, gives the viewer the impression that the trouble all started with the Communist leader Harry Bridges arrived on the scene. He attempts to employ a partial quotation from J. Edgar Hoover to support this, a statement in Hoover's report that "order had been restored" before Bridges arrived on the scene.

"Suddenly aroused, the crowd surged threateningly toward the entrance to City Hall. Committee members were escorted by police officers out a rear exit as a cordon of uniformed officers, including

ment who never attended college. The Minnesota Employers Association heard Governor Elmer L. Andersen at his luncheon session defend his budget message to the legislature. The group elected C.H. Schacker, Secretary of Blandin Paper Co., Grand Rapids, Minnesota, as President and H.F. Kullberg, Manager of the Minnesota ore division of Jones Laughlin Steel Co., as Vice President.

Wet Proofs

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Galbraith's "affluent society" there would be comparatively little use for the bigger highways, since fewer people would be riding on them. He does not believe in the individual's ability to enjoy life as an individual. The government must provide his means of enjoyment and he must do it in concert with his fellows, as in Russia. We do not know whether Russia has been able to spare money from her missile program for bigger parks, but we have read again and again the reports of people who have been there and seen the best Russia has. They tell us that Russia needs parks badly because with as many as eight families sharing a tiny apartment, there is no place to go but OUT.

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strators. The crowd, which by then consisted of about 2,000, continued to mill around the area for an hour, despite the fact that an announcement was made by loudspeaker that the HCUA staff had departed. That is the official report of Harry Bridges' part in the affair. From one of the accounts of the film, I find no substantiation of Smith's contention that Bridges was blamed for organizing and starting the riots.

It is difficult to put together the distorted presentation of Smith and Currier and answer each in detail. Generally, speaking, they follow the same pattern. One gathers that the un-American Activities Committee was engaged in something treasonable. Instead of the Communists whom they came to California to expose, Currier refers to the statement of the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, Episcopal Bishop of California in his church August 14, in which he said: "The investigative procedure of the un-American Activities Committee has proven to be so threatening to the public welfare of countless innocent individuals that the public conscience is and must, therefore, be outraged."

against the film is that it shows the students under the "direction" of the Communists, mere puppets from the word go. There's small indication, he says, that other people than Communists objected to the house committee's activities. Well, we might just ask why should others object? Why does Smith object? But here is Hoover's recital of the events and conspiracy that led up to the rioting and the riot itself.

It has long been a basic tenet of Communist strategy to control for its own evil purposes the explosive force which youth represents. In the relentless struggle for world domination being waged by them, Communists are dedicated to the Leninist principle that "youth will decide the issue of the entire struggle - both the student youth and, still more, the working class youth." Hoover then cites the program of Communist use and exploitation of youth, particularly student groups all over the world and the tightness of the reins held on youth throughout the Soviet and its satellites.

Campaign Began in 1959

In 1959, the Communist Party, USA, launched a major campaign with youth as its target. On May 30 and 31, 1959, approximately 20 young Communists from New York City, Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit, and Philadelphia attended a conference with national leaders of the party in New York City. The purpose of the meeting was to devise a program to attract young blood - teenagers, students, and working youth - to the ranks of the party.

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charges against 62 of the persons arrested as a result of the mob violence which erupted during demonstrations protesting the hearings held in that city by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) May 12-14, 1960. The judge pointed out that there were grounds for conviction in the cases involving the 62 defendants, most of whom were college students, but he added that the defendants were, for the most part, "clean-cut American college students" who could well be haunted for the rest of their lives by the stigma which a conviction would attach to them." (Editor's note - The judge was naive. These students needed a lesson in the American way, which is not to riot.) "In response to this action on the part of the judge, 58 of the defendants signed a statement distributed immediately after he had rendered his decision. It read, in part: "Nobody incited us, nobody misled us. We were led by our own convictions and we still stand firmly by them."

We might well ask: "What did incite them?" It is claimed by Rev. Currier that the whole southwest was up in arms in protest against the committee for subpoenaing a number of teachers to testify, and letting their names be published. It was supposed to be a stigma. But the Communists and their fellow travelers chose to make that stigma stick, if there was one, by their propaganda against the committee hearings which were only postponed as a witness. If they were not Communists they were in no danger of being accused as such. No committee yet has accused anybody of being a Communist without first getting the proof. Anyway, if they wished to disprove any such charges, the way to do so would be to appear and clear themselves. Evidently, someone was very much afraid that they could not clear themselves without committing the crime that Communists fear most since the conviction of Hiss - perjury. That is why they take the Fifth Amendment. So, a plot was organized against the committee which caused it to call off its 1959 scheduled hearings. Here we quote from J. Edgar Hoover again:

"The proposed setting for the hearings (of May 12-14, 1960) placed the Party in a particularly advantageous position for launching the attack. An HCUA inquiry into Communist activities of educators in northern California had been scheduled to be held in June, 1959. At that time, widespread opposition to those hearings developed among teachers' groups, church organizations, civil liberties groups, and a few newspapers in the San Francisco area. Student groups to protest the hearings were organized at most of the colleges and universities in the area, including the University of California, Stanford, and City College.

"The subsequent cancellation of the proposed 1959 hearings left many of these groups and organizations inactive but intact. As a result, when the May, 1960 hearings were announced, it required little effort to reactivate these opposition groups, despite the fact that the current hearings were not to be directed at Communist activity in the education field. After the 1959 hearings had been canceled, the HCUA turned over its files on these individuals to the California Attorney General's office and to the school boards of the teachers involved for any necessary action. But the Communist Party members in the area skillfully planted the idea that the 1960 hearings were still basically aimed at teachers and that the stated objective to inquire into Communist Party activities in the area was merely to cover a planned attack on teachers.

"The first objective was to fill the scene of the hearings with demonstrators. The second was to incite them to action through the use of mob psychology.

"The first stage of the party's plan of action began to unfold after word was received on April 26, 1960, by party officials that subpoenas had been issued for local Communists to appear at the hearings scheduled to take place May 12-14, 1960. One of the recipients of a subpoena was Douglas Wachter, an 18 year old sophomore at the Univer-

sity of California at San Francisco. Party officials decided to build a major part of their plan of attack around Wachter. Immediately after receiving a subpoena, Wachter proceeded to the University of California campus to organize student demonstrators. Mickey Lima, chairman of the Northern California District of the Communist Party, instructed Roscoe Proctor, a member of the district committee, to also contact certain students at the University of California at San Francisco. Lima was assured that student support would be forthcoming from Santa Rosa Junior College in Santa Rosa, California. His contact at San Francisco State College, the son of a current member of the Sonoma County Communist Party, was equally enthusiastic in promising support.

Organizing For Action.

"The party line of the hearings and the general plan of attack were outlined and distributed early in May, 1960, to all party members in the area in a memorandum captioned "Memo on the Un-Americans." It was a call to action and the rank-and-file party members quickly responded. Members of the San Jose Club of the Santa Clara County Communist Party circulated petitions and arranged for the publishing of a protest advertisement in the local San Jose newspapers.

Hoover goes into considerable more detail about the organizing of preparations through the area by the Communist gang for the demonstration and riot that prevented the hearings from proceeding. We will take his report at the day of the hearing - May 12.

Agglators In Action.

"When the day arrived, the party was set to go into action to accomplish its second objective of inciting the mob. A few key party members were to play major roles as agglators. The other party members who were to attend had been instructed to remain in the background as much as possible to avoid becoming involved in any violence which might erupt.

"As soon as the hearings began, party members began playing their predetermined roles. The belligerent and insulting behavior of some of the 36 uncooperative witnesses was so aggravating it became necessary to order their forcible removal from the hearing room (and the Communist thinks that the doors should have been thrown open to this lawless mob) in order to preserve order and decorum. Archie Brown and Merle Brodsky, acting according to plan, were sullen and contemptuous in their behavior and personally insulting remarks at the members of the committee.

"An organized clique of sympathizers in the hearing room aided them in their roles. Approximately 25 members of the agitators in the room were individuals under subpoena and their relatives, friends, attorneys, and sympathizers. This group applauded and cheered the antics of Brown and Brodsky at every opportunity. Archie Brown's disruptive tactics became so intense that it was necessary to forcibly remove him from the scene. This was exactly what Brown had been striving to achieve in line with his plan to evoke sympathy from the crowd.

"After the luncheon recess, Brown and Brodsky went into action again. Shortly before the afternoon session was to begin, they grabbed a microphone at the front of the hearing room and demanded that all spectators outside be admitted. Their sympathizers shouted similar demands. (Here is where Rev. Currier comes in with his criticisms. He objects because they were not allowed to pack the room and stop the proceedings.) After refusing to obey orders to be seated, Brown, Brodsky, and several others were forcibly removed, each resisting violently. Brown attempted to strike two officers, and Douglas Wachter threw a briefcase at an officer attempting to remove his father, Saul Wachter. (Rev. Currier, Bishop Pike, and Mr. Smith must have had this in mind when accusing the police of brutality; there was no brutality at any time.)

"Brown's plan to incite the crowd was beginning to materialize. Upon his ejection from the hearing room, sympathetic cheers went up from the crowd, consisting mostly of students, gathered inside City Hall at the head of the staircase leading to the room. Both Brown and Brodsky appealed to the crowd, Brodsky

"Despite these disruptive tactics, police were able to maintain a semblance of order that first day. It was a different story on the following day. As a result of mushrooming interest generated by the activities of the first day, the crowd was much larger. A particularly noticeable aspect of the increase was the presence of additional party members and former party members.

"Archie Brown quickly resumed his tactics of the day before, once the sessions started. The crowd outside chanted and sang songs, obviously a part of a well-organized plan as illustrated by the song sheets being used. Pleas for order and quiet only brought jeers.

The Inevitable Happens.

"With the tension growing, the inevitable happened. Violence flared that afternoon. One of the judges in a municipal courtroom in City Hall ordered the mob dispersed because the noise made it impossible for him to hold court. When an attempt was made to carry out the order, the crowd responded by throwing shoes and jostling the officers. An officer warned that fire hoses would have to be used if the crowd did not disperse, but the crowd, instigated by Communists who had maneuvered themselves in strategic positions, became more unruly.

"One of the demonstrators provided the spark that touched off the flame of violence. Leaping a barricade that had been erected, he grabbed an officer's nightstick and began beating the officer over the head. The mob surged forward as if to scatter the officer and a Police Inspector ordered the fire hose turned on. The water forced the crowd to the head of the balustrade, and the cold water had a sobering effect on the emotion of the demonstrators.

"For a few minutes, relative quiet ensued. Taking advantage of the lull, police officers began to lead some of the demonstrators away, advising them that they must obey the order to disperse. Suddenly realizing what was happening, militant individuals in the group set the pattern for renewed violence by kicking and striking the officers. In all, 12 individuals, most of whom were students, were arrested for inciting a riot."

And there was where Harry Bridges came into the picture, as related earlier in this report. He, Mr. Smith, and the Rev. Currier have attacked the film as being distorted and full of half truths, out of sequence. But when they get down to details they only find that the Harry Bridges part in the affair was out of sequence. What is the difference? It was not intentional in putting the film together and has no bearing upon whether the film is substantially accurate or not. J. Edgar Hoover, and unbiased witnesses who were there, say it is. Whom are you going to believe, Smith and the Star, who have long, consistent records of opposing Communist investigating committees, or J. Edgar Hoover, whose men were on the scene after months of thorough investigation of the plot before it culminated in the disgraceful riot?

In the January 23 Star, the editors defended themselves and their policies. They admitted having criticized un-American Activities Committees for their methods, but disclaimed having advocated their abolition. What is the difference? Their attacks have the same effect as outright demands for abolishment. In the first place, their criticisms have never been justified, and I think those editors will know it. Somebody is afraid of something. To someone who suggested that they publish Hoover's report because they published Rev. Currier's diatribe against the committee and film, they point out that Currier's sermon was only 500 words and Hoover's report 5,000 words. A thinking person would reply that, if they could not find 500 words of Hoover to offset the misrepresentations of Currier, they should have omitted Currier's. As a matter of fact, the Star would have been performing a great public service if they had printed the entire Hoover report. We wish we had the space to do so. They could have done it in installments and would have boosted their circulation by doing so, if practical considerations were to prevail.

But no, they had to reprint this rotten, un-American attack upon the committee, this defense of a treasonable performance, this attempt to interfere with and stop the gallant war on the Communist conspiracy by high minded representatives of the people, men who are trying to do an honest job, in

naive people who have fallen for the line that "McCarthyism" threatens their liberty." Bunk!

I charge that Smith's and Currier's attempts to discredit this film are deliberate parts of the conspiracy to obstruct investigating committees. Clearly, by misquoting Hoover with only portions of his sentences, and other quotes from him with significant omissions, they are trying to deceive the people. As for sequence of the film, they have made no case, in spite of strong denunciatory statements. The film, whether in perfect sequence or not, is completely authentic. It happened in San Francisco as related. It also happened in a somewhat lesser degree at a showing of the film in a comparatively small room at Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota, where a group of beatnik-type of people crashed the showing and tried to disrupt it. People who were present said they were ashamed that American youth could act in such a disgraceful manner.

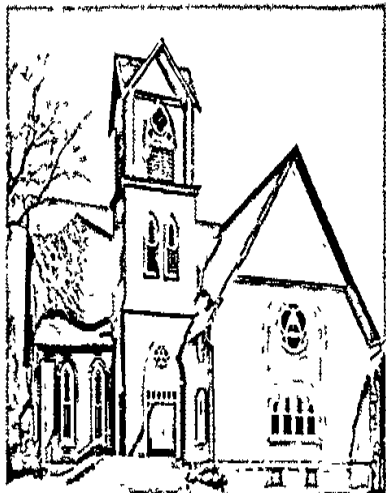
Smith used short quotations out of context from J. Edgar Hoover's report and from another statement of his in an attempt to bolster his case. If, however, he had quoted more fully, the Hoover statements would have given the exact opposite impression than the one represented by Smith.

Smith compared the students' behavior to a party raid. The citizens of the United States must not be misled by Robert Smith, the Reverend Currier, and their ilk into the delusion that the Communist conspiracy in this country is anything so innocent as a party raid or other student prank. It is tragic that a newspaper editor and a pastor, in whom his flock must necessarily have confidence, regard the Un-American Activities Committee as a threat to our liberty but fail to support their fight against this evil conspiracy. Just a harmless student prank and the police were fatal in turning the hose on them! Deceitful and amazing statements!

In the January 23 rebuttal of a letter to the editor, the Star (we may presume it was Mr. Smith speaking for the paper) concluded with the statement that "Finally, we have no evidence that the excerpt of Rev. Currier's sermon was un-factual." The evidence, clear, indisputable evidence, was the 5,000 word Hoover report which Smith had evidently read. He admitted the "500 words" printed from Currier's sermon was only an excerpt, yet he had room for a 500 word excerpt from Hoover's report which would have clearly established proof of Currier's misrepresentation of the facts.

The Star excuses its opposition and attacks upon these committees because of "their methods" although pretending to approve their objectives. They call their investigations a threat to liberty and the characters of innocent people, which, they say, do more harm than good. Yet, they have failed to make any case. I recall the Annie Lee Moss case which was held up as an example in their paper of the Hearst committee's persecution of innocent people. But Wilbur Elston refused to publish my rebuttal of that, which showed that Annie Lee Moss was guilty as charged. He said the letter was too long, yet, he publishes much longer ones, frequently, when they serve his purpose. Shortly after, Annie Lee Moss was discharged from government service because her connection with the Communist Party had been proved beyond a doubt. There has been no case supporting their claim of persecution of innocent people. If the names of innocent people have been publicly branded as Communists, they and the groups which try to subvert the committee's efforts, should welcome the opportunity to deny the allegations and clear themselves. Would Smith close down all the courts in this land because some innocent people are being tried in them? In the case of these investigations and hearings, I can say from having followed them pretty closely, that before a Congressional committee puts the finger on any Communist it has the goods on him or her, beyond any doubt. Invariably, these people plead the Fifth Amendment. If innocent they would deny their guilt. I believe no one doubts that.

I cannot read the minds of Mr. Smith and Rev. Currier. I do not know their object. But I do know the result, which is to give aid and comfort to the Communist movement in the United States. Maybe they regard this movement as a mere "party raid," but J. Edgar Hoover



Charles Chiniquy

Pictured here is the church which Charles Chiniquy founded in St. Anne, Illinois. He resigned as pastor in 1888, and this building was built in 1895, replacing the old structure. Although retired, Rev. Chiniquy spoke several times in this building. He passed away in Canada in 1899, faithful to Christ to the end, never returning to the Roman Church. In case you should sometime wish to visit this church, it is the First Presbyterian Church, located at 334 S. St. Louis Ave. in St. Anne, Ill. You will even find one of the streets in St. Anne named after Charles Chiniquy.

Here is part of a letter we received from one of the members of this church:

Dear Friends:

I just wanted to drop you a line about the booklet "The Finished Wonder." Charles Chiniquy was the founder of our Presbyterian Church here in St. Anne. He gave us the ground on which our Public Grade School and our Church are built. My mother, who is now in Glory, went to the Church while he ministered here. My Grandmother was one who left the Roman Church with Chiniquy and many others. . . .

(The full name and address of this writer will be gladly mailed on request).

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FOREWORD

Father Chiniquy was a famous Catholic priest of Canada, born at Kamouraska, Quebec, on July 20, 1809. He established the first temperance society there and won the title, "Apostle of Temperance of Canada."

Because of his ability and piety, he was entrusted with a colonizing party of French-Canadians, who settled in Illinois.

Late in life he was a friend of Abraham Lincoln.

He toured England several times and this particular narrative of his life was first given in London. He lived to his ninetieth year, dying in Montreal, on January 16, 1899.

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The Finished Wonder

I was born and baptized a Roman Catholic in 1809, and I was ordained priest in the year 1833, in Canada. I am now in my seventy-fourth year, and it is nearly fifty years since I received the dignity of the priesthood in the Church of Rome.

For twenty-five years I was a priest of that Church, and I tell you frankly that I loved the Church of Rome, and she loved me. I would have shed every drop of my blood for my Church and would have given a thousand times my life to extend her power and dignity over the continent of America, and over the whole world. My great ambition was to convert the Protestants, and bring them into my Church, because I was told, and I preached, that outside the Church of Rome there was no salvation, and I was sorry to think that those multitudes of Protestants were to be lost.

A few years after I was born we lived in a place where there were no schools. My mother became my first teacher, and the first book in which she taught me to read was the Bible. When I was eight or nine years old I read the Divine Book with an incredible pleasure, and my heart was much taken up with the beauty of the Word of God. My mother selected the chapters she wished me to read, and the attention I gave to it was such that, many times, I refused to go and play with the other boys outside in order to enjoy the pleasure of reading the Holy Book. Some of the chapters I loved more than others, and these I learned by heart.

But after my mother died, the Bible disappeared from the house, probably through the priest who had tried to obtain possession of it before. Now this Bible is the root of everything in this story. That is the light which was put into my soul when young, and, thanks be to God, that light has never been extinguished. It has remained there. It is to that dear Bible, by the mercy of God, that I owe today the unspeakable joy which I feel when being among the redeemed, among those who have received the light, and are drinking at the pure fountain of truth.

But perhaps you are asking, "Do not the Roman Catholic priests allow their people to read the Bible?" Yes, I thank God that

When you turn to Him sincerely, in true repentance and faith, He will receive you.

You can do so right now. To die without being truly converted in heart and without simple trust in Christ as your complete Savior is to die LOST. And no silver or gold can redeem you after death any more than it can while you live.

He waits to be your Savior and Lord now. From the bottom of your heart will you join Father Chiniquy in a prayer similar to the prayer he made, and make it your very own sincere prayer to your Savior.

"Oh! dear Jesus, it is you, and you alone who can save me. Oh! Gift of God, I accept Thee. I place my hope COMPLETELY and ONLY in your sacrifice for me on Calvary. Take my heart and keep it forever Thine. Reign there supreme. Live within my heart and make me pure and strong. Lead me by your Holy Spirit that I may know your will in all things. My Lord! My Savior! My God!

Signed _____

Date _____ 19 _____"

If the above is truly YOUR heart-felt prayer, then pray it with all sincerity, and put your name to it and the date. Then walk with the Lord by reading the Bible daily, and by praying to Him often.

that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart a man believes unto justice, and with the mouth profession of faith is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes in him shall not be disappointed.' "

No, you will not be disappointed. You have the promise from God in His Book. He offers you FULL pardon NOW, without money and without price on your part. God offers you His GIFT of pardon and everlasting life.

You have no part in the purging of your sins forever, but to believe and joyfully receive.

But one thing God does require of you. This is your part. He requires your heart. He requires that you love Him above all else. He requires that you love Him more than you love your sin. This requirement is called REPENTANCE.

Christ died that He might save you FROM your sins, not in them. The apostle Peter said, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19. Yes, this God does require.

The apostle Paul said his message to the people was twofold—that they should, "...turn to God in repentance, and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21.

they do. It is a fact that today, almost all over the world, the Church of Rome grants permission to read the Bible, and you will find the Bible in the homes of some Roman Catholics.

But when we have confessed this we must tell the whole truth. When the priest puts the Bible in the hands of his people, or when a priest receives the Bible from his Church, there is a condition. The condition is that though the priest or people may read the Bible, they must never, under any circumstances, interpret a single word according to their conscience, their intelligence, or in their own mind. When I was ordained a priest I swore that I would interpret the Scriptures only according to the unanimous consent of the Holy Fathers.

Friends, go to Roman Catholics today, and ask them if they have permission to read the Bible. They will tell you, "Yes, I can read it." But ask, "Have you permission to interpret it?" They will tell you, "No." The priest says positively to the people, and the Church says positively to the priest, that they cannot interpret a single word of the Bible according to their own intelligence and their own conscience, and that it is a grievous sin to take upon themselves the interpretation of a single word. The priest says in effect to the people, "If you try to interpret the Bible

with your own intelligence you are lost. It is a most dangerous book. You may read it, but it is better not to read it, *because you cannot understand it.*"

What is the result of such teaching? The result is, that though both the priests and the people have the Bible in their hands, they do not read it. Would you read a book if you were persuaded that you couldn't understand a single word by yourself? Would you be such a fool as to waste your time reading a book of which you were persuaded you could not understand a single line?

That, my friends, is the truth about the Church of Rome. They have a great number of Bibles. You will find Bibles on the tables of the priests and of Catholic laymen, but among ten thousand priests there are not two who read the Bible from the beginning to the end and pay any attention to it. They read a few pages here and there; that is all.

In the Church of Rome the Bible is a sealed book, but it was not so with me. I found it precious to my heart when I was a small boy, and when I became a priest of Rome I read it to make me a strong man, and to make me able to argue for the church.

My great objective was to confound the Protestant ministers of America. I got a copy of the "Holy Fathers," and I studied it day and night with the Holy Scriptures, in order

"But as it is, once for all at the end of the ages, he has appeared for the destruction of sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed unto men to die once, and after this comes the judgment, so also was Christ offered once, to take away the sins of many."

Listen to Christ. Just before His life expired as He hung on the cross He cried out, "It is consummated!" Yes, the only sin offering God recognizes was FINISHED—completely, on Calvary. The wonder of it will be told and retold by saints and angels throughout endless eternity.

Then notice this brief word from Peter, in I Peter 1:18 & 19.

"You know that you were redeemed from the vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, not with perishable things, with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ."

You may spend all your silver and gold for prayers and masses, but the only sacrifice God recognizes is the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary. And He makes no charge. He simply asks your faith and trust in the sacrifice of His Son for your sins.

The apostle Paul says in Romans 10:9-11:

"For if thou confess with thy mouth that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in thy heart

does not exist. He died ONCE for all sin, for all sinners for all time, on Calvary. Listen to Paul in Ephesians 2:8 & 9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not from yourselves, for it is the GIFT of God; not as the outcome of works, lest anyone may boast."

Prayers and masses for the dead will never bring one to Heaven. A Roman Catholic mass is said to be the offering of Christ again in suffering and death for the sinner. But notice what Hebrews 10:10 says, "...we have been sanctified [*purged*] through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Your faith must NOT be in a sacrifice of Christ in the mass, for He died ONCE for sins. Your faith must be in the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary! He has not been sacrificed since that day for sins. Notice this in Hebrews 9:24-28:

"Jesus has not entered into a Holies made by hands, a mere copy of the true, but into heaven itself, to appear now before the face of God on our behalf; nor yet has he entered to offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the Holies year after year with blood not his own [*Old Testament sacrifices*] for in that case he must have suffered often since the beginning of the world.

to prepare myself for the great battle I wanted to fight against the Protestants. I made this study in order to strengthen my faith in the Roman Catholic Church.

But, blessed be God! every time I read the Bible there was a mysterious voice saying to me, "Do you not see that in the Church of Rome you do not follow the teachings of the Word of God, but only the traditions of men?" In the silent hours of the night, when I heard that voice, I wept and cried, but it was repeated with the strength of thunder. I wanted to live and die in the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and I prayed to God to silence the voice, but I heard it yet still louder. When I was reading His word He was trying to break my fetters, but I would not have my fetters broken. He came to me with His saving light, but I would not have it.

I have no bad feeling against Roman Catholic priests. Some of you may think I have. You are mistaken. Sometimes I weep for them because I know that the poor men—just as I did—are fighting against the Lord, and that they are miserable as I was miserable then. If I relate to you one of the struggles of which I speak, you will understand what it is to be a Roman Catholic priest, and you will pray for them.

In Montreal there is a splendid cathedral,

capable of holding 15,000 people. I used to preach there very often. One day the Bishop asked me to speak on the Virgin Mary, and I was glad to do so. I said to those people what I thought to be true then, and what the priests believe and preach everywhere. Here is the sermon I preached:

“My dear friends, when a man has rebelled against his king, when he has committed a great crime against his emperor, does he come himself to speak to him? If he has a favor to ask from his king, dare he, under the circumstances, appear himself in his presence? No; the king would rebuke him, and would punish him. But what does he do? Instead of going himself he selects one of the friends of the king, one of his officers, sometimes the sister or the mother of the king, and he puts his petition into their hands. They go and speak in favor of the guilty man. They ask his pardon, they appease his wrath, and very often the king will grant to these people the favor he would refuse to the guilty man.

“Then,” I said, “we are all sinners, we have all offended the great and mighty King, the King of Kings. We have raised rebellious colors against Him. We have trampled His laws under our feet, and surely He is angry against us. What can we do today? Shall we go ourselves with our hands filled with our iniquities? No! But, thanks to God, we have Mary the mother of Jesus; our King, at His

ing and sacrifice on Calvary. He died for our sins—not for just some of them—but for ALL of them. It is recorded in Hebrews 1:3 that he has “...effected man’s purgation from sin and taken his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

And in Colossians 2:13 & 14 the apostle Paul said, concerning the fact that ALL our sins were purged in Christ, “...forgiving you all your sins, cancelling the decree against us, which was hostile to us. Indeed, he has taken it completely away, nailing it to the cross.”

Now then, mankind is not automatically forgiven all sin because of Christ’s sacrifice. We avail ourselves of His forgiveness and the assurance of everlasting life by FAITH and REPENTANCE.

Our FAITH must be in the fact that Christ is the Son of God and that our sins are purged only by His sacrifice and suffering for us on Calvary. Our faith must not be in prayers or good works of any kind. When you are really converted to a new life in Christ it will be evident by good works. But our sins, of every nature, are forgiven us only by God’s grace (unmerited favor) because of Christ’s sacrifice for sin.

Indulgences granted for prayers, masses, etc., will have no effect whatever toward your deliverance from a purgatory which

hear our prayers. And nowhere does it teach that any of the saints can hear our prayers. Christ alone is the Mediator between God and man. The Bible says, "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus." Christ is our high priest, and we are to go directly to Him, for He alone can hear us. He is the one who loved us and died for us as God's sin offering for our sin.

The apostle John in I John 5:14, 15 says this to the true and faithful believers in Christ, "And the confidence that we have toward him is this, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And we know that he hears us whatever we ask; we know that the requests we make of him are granted." He says this of Christ. But nowhere in the Bible is such a thing said of Mary or the Saints.

The Bible teaches the fact of Hell, the place of punishment for the unbeliever and the unconverted in heart. But the teaching of purgatory is purely an invention of the Roman Catholic Church. Christ never taught it, nor did his Apostles. The opposite is taught. When a Christian dies he goes to be with his Lord. The Bible teaches that we receive FULL pardon for our sins through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Our sins were ALL purged by His suffer-

right hand. And as a dutiful son never refuses any favor to a beloved mother, so Jesus will never refuse any favor to Mary. He never refused any petition which she presented to Him when He was on earth. He has never rebuked His mother in any way.

"Where is the son who would break the heart of a loving mother, when he could cause her to rejoice by granting her desires? Jesus, the King of Kings, is not only the Son of God; but He is the Son of Mary, and He loves His mother. And as He never refused any favor of Mary when He was on earth; He will never refuse her any favor today.

"Then what must we do? Oh! we cannot present ourselves before the great King, covered as we are with iniquity. Let us present our petitions to His holy mother. She will go to the feet of Jesus, herself, Jesus, her God and her son, and she will surely receive the favors which she will ask. She will ask our pardon and will obtain it. She will ask for you a place in the Kingdom of Christ, and you will have it. She will ask Jesus to forget your iniquities, to grant you true repentance, and He will give you anything His mother may ask of Him."

My hearers were so happy at the idea of having such an advocate at the feet of Jesus interceding for them day and night, that they burst into tears, and were beside themselves

with joy that Mary was to ask and obtain their pardon.

I thought at the time that this was not only the religion of Christ, but that it was the religion of common sense, and that nothing could be said against it. After the sermon the Bishop came to me and blessed me, and thanked me, saying that the sermon would do great good in Montreal.

That night I went on my knees, and took my Bible, and my heart was full of joy because of the good sermon I had given in the morning. I opened and read from Matthew 12:46-50, the following words:

“While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brethren were standing outside, seeking to speak to him. And someone said to him, ‘Behold, thy mother and thy brethren are standing outside, seeking thee.’ But he answered and said to him who told him, ‘Who is my mother and who are my brethren?’ And stretching forth his hand towards his disciples, he said, ‘Behold my mother and my brethren! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother.’”

When I had read these words there was a voice speaking to me more terrible than the voice of loud thunder, saying, “Chiniquy, you preached a lie this morning when you said that Mary had always received the

traditions. These books were never recognized by the Jews as God-inspired writings, and they were never made a part of the Hebrew Bible. They do not appear in the Hebrew Bible to this day. Christ never quoted anything from these books, nor did the Apostles. The Protestants have restored the Old Testament to its original form in their printings of the Bible, but the Roman Catholic Church still retains these added books.

The *New Testament* is essentially the same in both the Roman Catholic and Protestant Bibles. But nowhere in either Bible are we instructed to pray to Mary. In fact Christ discouraged the adoration of Mary. She would be honored, according to Luke 1:48. But notice what Christ says in Luke 11:27 and 28:

“Now it came to pass as he was saying these things, that a certain woman from the crowd lifted up her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore thee, and the breasts that nursed thee.’ But he said, ‘Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.’”

Christ taught here that it is of greater importance to listen to God’s word, and obey it, than to be the honored virgin through whom He came to earth. The Bible nowhere encourages the adoration or worship of Mary.

The Bible nowhere teaches that Mary can

They had accepted it. And no words can tell you the joy of that multitude. Like myself they felt rich and happy in the Gift. The names of one thousand souls, I believe, were written in the Book of Life that day. Six months later we were two thousand converts. A year later we were about four thousand! And now we are nearly twenty-five thousand who have washed our robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

—Charles Chiniquy

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The news spread quickly all over America, and even in France and England—that Chiniquy, the best-known priest of Canada, had left the Church of Rome at the head of a noble band of men. And wherever it was told the name of Jesus was blessed.

The Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God. In its pages are the words of Life. For several hundred years after Christ the writings of the Apostles (the New Testament part of the Bible) were the rule of faith for all Christians.

Then power politics, exercised by Bishops in the larger cities, and especially Rome, ushered in teachings and traditions that were of men and not of God.

As time went on certain ancient books, written before Christ, were added to the *Old Testament* part of the Bible to bolster these

favours which she had asked from Jesus. Do you not see that Mary comes to ask a favor, that is, to see her son, during whose absence she has been lonesome, and who has left her during many months to preach the Gospel?

“When Mary got to the place where Jesus was preaching, the place was so crammed that she could not enter. What will she do? She will do what every mother would do in her place. She raises her voice and requests Him to come and see her; but while Jesus hears the voice of His mother, and with His divine eyes sees her, does He grant her petition? No. He shuts His ears to her voice and hardens His heart against her prayer.

“It is a public rebuke, and she feels it keenly. The people are astonished. They are puzzled, almost scandalized. They turn to Christ, and they say to Him, ‘Why don’t you come and speak to your mother?’

“What does Jesus say? He gives no answer except this extraordinary one: ‘Who is My mother, and who are My brethren?’ and, looking upon His disciples, He says: ‘Behold, My mother, My brethren, and My sisters.’ As for Mary, she is left alone, and publicly rebuked.”

And then the voice spoke to me again with the power of thunder, telling me to read also in St. Mark 3:31-35. You will find the

same incident both in Mark and in Luke 8:19-21. Instead of granting her petition Jesus replied in such a way as to publicly rebuke His mother.

And then the voice spoke to me with terrific power, telling me that Jesus, as long as He was a small boy, obeyed Joseph and His mother; but as soon as He presented Himself before the world as the Son of God, as the Savior of the world, as the great Light of humanity, then Mary had to disappear. It is to Jesus alone that the eyes of the world must be turned to receive Light and Life.

Then, my friends, the voice spoke to me all the night: "Chiniquy, Chiniquy, you have told a lie this morning. You were preaching a lot of fables and nonsense. You preach against the Scriptures when you say that Mary has the power to grant any favor from Jesus." I prayed and I wept, and it was a sleepless night for me.

The next morning I went to table with the Bishop-Prince, the coadjutor, who had invited me to breakfast.

He said to me, "M. Chiniquy, you look like a man who has spent the night in tears. What is the matter with you?"

I said, "My lord, you are correct, I am desolate above measure."

"What is the matter?" he asked.

one did so. And as I watched I saw a change come over them—a marvelous change, which cannot be explained in natural ways—and I said to them, with a cry of joy:

"The mighty God who saved me yesterday can save you today. With me you will cross the Red Sea and go into the Promised Land. With me you will accept the great gift—you will be happy and rich in the gift. I will put the question to you in another way.

If you think it is better for you to follow Christ than the Pope, to invoke the name of Jesus alone than the name of Mary, that it is better to put your trust only in the blood of the Lamb shed on the Cross for your sins, than in the fabulous purgatory of Rome, after your death to be saved; and if you think it is better for you to have me preach to you the pure Gospel of Christ, than to have a priest preach to you the doctrines of Rome, tell it to me by rising up—I am your man!"

And all, without a single exception, rose to their feet, and, with tears, asked me to remain with them.

The Gift, the great, the unspeakable Gift had, for the first time, come before their eyes in its beauty. They had found it precious.

and so beautiful, so sublime and so grand. I had opened the hands of my soul and accepted the gift. I was rich in the gift. Salvation, my friends, is a gift; you have nothing to do but to accept it, love it, and love the Giver. I pressed the Gospel to my lips, and swore I would never preach anything but Jesus.

I arrived in the midst of my colony on a Sabbath morning. The whole people were exceedingly excited and ran towards me, and asked what news I had. When they were gathered in the church I presented to them The Gift. I showed to them what God had presented to me, His Son Jesus as a gift—and, through Jesus, the pardon of my sins, and life eternal as a gift.

Then, not knowing whether they would receive the gift or not, I said to them: "It is time for me to go away from you, my friends. I have taken the gift of Christ, but I respect you too much to impose myself on you. If you think it is better for you to follow the Pope than to follow Christ, and to invoke the name of Mary than the name of Jesus, in order to be saved, tell it to me by rising up."

To my exceeding great surprise the whole multitude remained in their seats, filling the church with their sobs and tears. I thought some of them would tell me to go, but not

"Oh! I cannot tell you here," I said. "Will you please give me one hour in your room alone? I will tell you a mystery which will puzzle you."

After breakfast I went out with him and said:

"Yesterday you paid me a great compliment because of the sermon in which I proved that Jesus had always granted the petitions of His mother. But, my lord, last night I heard another voice, stronger than yours, and my trouble is that I believe that voice is the voice of God. That voice has told me that we Roman Catholic priests and bishops preach a falsehood every time we say to the people that Mary has always the power to receive from the hands of Jesus Christ the favors which she asks. This is a lie, my lord—this, I fear, is a diabolical and damning error."

The Bishop then said, "M. Chiniquy, what do you mean? Are you a Protestant?"

"No," I said, "I'm not a Protestant." (Many times I had been called a Protestant because I was so fond of the Bible.) "But I tell you, face to face, that I sincerely fear that yesterday I preached a lie, and that you, my lord, will preach one also the next time you say that we must invoke Mary, under the pretext that Jesus has never refused any favor to His mother. This is false."

The Bishop said, "M. Chiniquy, you go too far!"

"No, my lord," I said, "it is of no use to talk. Here is the Gospel; read it."

I put the Gospel into the hands of the Bishop, and he read with his own eyes what I have already quoted. My impression was that he read those words for the first time. The poor man was so much surprised that he remained mute and trembling. Finally he asked, "What does that mean?"

"Well," I said, "this is the Gospel; and here you see that Mary has come to ask from Jesus Christ a favor, and He has not only rebuked her, but has refused to consider her as His mother. He did this publicly, that we might know that Mary is the mother of Jesus as man, but not as God."

The Bishop was beside himself. He could not answer me.

I then asked to be allowed to put a few questions to him. I said, "My lord, who has saved you and saved me upon the Cross?"

He answered, "Jesus Christ."

"And who paid your debts and mine by shedding His blood—was it Mary or Jesus?"

He said, "Jesus Christ."

"Now, my lord, when Jesus and Mary were on earth, who loved the sinner more—was it Mary or Jesus?"

God are perfect! I am, then, perfectly saved—Jesus could not save me by half. I am saved by the blood of the Lamb. I am saved by the death of Jesus."

These words were so sweet to me that I felt unspeakable joy, as if the fountains of life were open and floods of new light were flowing in upon my soul. I said to myself, "I am not saved, as I thought, by going to Mary. I am not saved by purgatory, or by indulgences, confessions or penances. I am saved by Jesus alone!" And all the false doctrines of Rome went away from my mind as a tower falls which is struck at the base.

I then felt such a joy, such a peace, that the angels of God could not be more happy than I was. The blood of the Lamb was flowing on my poor guilty soul. With a loud cry of joy I said, "Oh! dear Jesus, I feel it, I know it. Thou hast saved me! Oh! Gift of God, I accept Thee! Take my heart and keep it forever Thine. Gift of God, abide in me to make me pure and strong. Abide in me to be my way, my light, and my life. Grant that I may abide in Thee now and forever! But, dear Jesus, do not save me alone; save my people. Grant me to show them the Gift also! Oh! that they may accept Thee and feel rich and happy as I am now."

It was thus I found the Light and the great mystery of our salvation, which is so simple

would curse me, and that I had become an object of horror to the world.

Then I tried to remember if I had any friends amongst the Protestants, but as I had spoken and written against them all my life, I had not a single friend there. I saw that I was left all alone to fight the battle. It was too much, and in that terrible hour, if God had not wrought a miracle, I should not have been able to bear it. It seemed impossible for me to go out from that room into the cold world, where I should not find a single hand to shake my hand, or a single smiling face to look upon me, but where I should see only those looking upon me as a traitor.

It seemed that God was far away, but He was very near. Suddenly the thought entered my mind: "You have your Gospel; read it, and you will find the light." On my knees, and with trembling hand, I opened the book. Not I, but God opened it, for my eyes fell on I Cor. 7:23: "*You have been bought with a price; do not become the slaves of men.*"

With these words the light came to me, and for the first time I saw the great mystery of salvation, as much as man can see it. I said to myself, "Jesus has bought me. Then, if Jesus has bought me, He has saved me. I am saved! Jesus is my God! All the works of

And again he answered that it was Jesus.

"Did any sinner come to Mary on earth to be saved?"

"No."

"Do you remember any sinner going to Jesus to be saved?"

"Yes, many."

"Have they been rebuked?"

"Never."

"Do you remember Jesus ever saying to sinners, 'Come to Mary and she will save you?'"

"No," he said.

"Do you remember that Jesus has said to poor sinners, 'Come unto me?'"

"Yes. He has said it."

"Has He ever retracted those words?"

"No!"

"And who then, was the more powerful to save sinners?" I asked.

"Oh! it was Jesus!"

"Now, my lord, since Jesus and Mary are now in Heaven, can you show me in the Scriptures that Jesus has lost anything of His desire and power to save sinners, or that He has delegated this power to Mary?"

And the Bishop answered, "No."

"Then, my lord," I asked, "why do we not

go to Him, and Him alone? Why do we invite poor sinners to come to Mary, when, by your own confession she is nothing compared with Jesus, in power, in mercy, in love, and in compassion for the sinner?"

Then the poor Bishop was as a man who is condemned to death. He trembled before me, and as he could not answer me, he pleaded business and left me. His "business" was that he could not answer me.

But I was still not converted. There were many links by which I was still tied to the feet of the Pope. There were other battles to be fought before I could break the chains which bound me.

But in those days, though I was troubled I had not lost my zeal for my Church. The Bishops had given me great power and authority, and the Pope had raised me above many others, and I had the hope, with many others, that little by little, we might reform the Church in many things.

In 1851 I went to Illinois to found a French colony. I took with me about 75,000 French Canadians, and settled on the magnificent prairies of Illinois, to take possession in the name of the Church of Rome. After I had begun my great work of colonization I became a rich man. I bought many Bibles and gave one to almost every family. The Bishop was very angry at me for this, but I did

clearly, that the Church of Rome could not be the Church of Christ. I had learned the terrible truth, not from the lips of Protestants, not from her enemies, but from the lips of the Church of Rome herself. I saw that I could not remain in it except by giving up the Word of God in a formal document. Then I saw that I had done well to give up the Church of Rome. But oh! my friends, what a dark cloud came upon me! In my darkness I cried out, "My God, my God, why is it that my soul is surrounded by such a dark cloud?"

With tears I cried to God to show me the way, but for a time no answer was given. I had given up the Church of Rome. I had given up position, honor, my brothers and sisters, everything that was dear to me! I saw that the Pope, the Bishops, and the priests would attack me in the press, and in the pulpit. I saw that they would take away my honor, and my name—and perhaps my life. I saw that war to the death was begun between the Church of Rome and me, and I looked to see if any friends had been left to me to help me fight the battle, but not a single friend remained. I saw that even my dearest friends were bound to curse me, and look upon me as an infamous traitor. I saw that my people would reject me, that my beloved country, where I had so many friends,

"Well," he said, "do you come here to give me a lecture?"

I replied, "No, my lord; but I want to know if you brought me here to insult me?"

"M. Chiniquy," he said, "I brought you here because you gave me a document which you know very well was not an act of submission."

Then I answered, "Tell me, what act of submission do you require of me?"

He said, "You must begin by taking away these few words '*according to the Word of God, as we find it in the Gospel of Christ,*' and say simply that you promise to obey my authority without any condition; that you will promise to do whatever I tell you."

Then I got to my feet, and I said, "My lord, what you require of me is not an act of submission, but an act of adoration, and I refuse it to you."

"Then," said he, "if you cannot give me that act of submission, you cannot any longer be a Roman Catholic priest."

I raised my hands to God, and said, "May Almighty God be forever blessed," and I took my hat and left the Bishop.

I went to the hotel where I had engaged a room, and locked the door behind me. I fell on my knees to examine before God what I had done. Then I saw, for the first time

not care. I had no idea of giving up the Church of Rome, but I wanted to guide my people as well as I could in the way in which Christ wanted me to lead them.

Now the Bishop of Chicago did a thing at that time which we Frenchmen could not tolerate. It was a great crime, and I wrote to the Pope and got him dismissed. Another Bishop was sent in his place, who sent his Grand Vicar to visit me.

The Grand Vicar said to me, "M. Chiniquy, we are very glad that you got the former Bishop dismissed, for he was a bad man: but it is suspected in many places that you are no more in the Church of Rome. It is suspected that you are a heretic and a Protestant. Will you not give us a document by which we can prove to all the world that you and your people are still good Roman Catholics?"

I said, "I have no objection."

He rejoined, "It is the desire of the new Bishop whom the Pope has sent, to have such a document from you."

I then took a piece of paper—and it seemed to me that this was a golden opportunity to silence the voice which was speaking to me day and night and troubling my faith. I wanted to persuade myself by this means that in the Roman Catholic Church

we were really following the Word of God, and not merely "traditions of men." I wrote down these very words:

"My lord, we French Canadians of the colony of Illinois want to live in the Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church, out of which there is no salvation, and to prove this to your lordship we promise to obey your authority according to the Word of God, as we find it in the Gospel of Christ."

I signed that and offered it to my people to sign, and they did. I then gave it to the Grand Vicar, and asked him what he thought of it. He said, "It is just what we want." He assured me that the Bishop would accept it, and all would be right.

When the Bishop had read the submission, he too found it right, and with tears of joy said: "I am so glad that you have made your submission, because we were fearful that you and your people would turn Protestants."

My friends, to show you my blindness, I must confess to my shame, that I was glad to have made my peace with the Bishop, a man, when I was not yet at peace with God. The Bishop gave me a "letter of peace," by which he declared that I was one of his best priests, and I went back to my countrymen with the determination to remain there. But God looked down upon me in His mercy, and He was to break that peace which was peace with man and not with God.

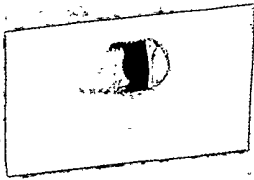
The Bishop, after my departure, went to the telegraph office and telegraphed my submission to the other bishops, and asked them what they thought of it. They un-animously answered him the very same day: "Do you not see that Chiniquy is a disguised Protestant, and he has made a Protestant of you? It is not to you that he makes submission; he makes his submission to the Word of God. If you do not destroy that submission you are a Protestant yourself."

Ten days later I received a letter from the Bishop, and when I went to him he asked me if I had the "letter of peace" he had given me the other day. I produced it, and when he saw it was that letter, he ran to his stove and threw it into the fire. I was astonished. I rushed to the fire to save my letter, but it was too late. It was destroyed.

Then I turned to the Bishop, and I said, "How dare you, my lord, take from my hand a document which is my property, and destroy it without my consent?"

He replied, "M. Chiniquy, I am your superior, and I have no account to give you."

"You are indeed, my lord, my superior, and I am nothing but a poor priest, but there is a great God who is as much above you as above me, and that God has granted me rights which I will never give up to please any man. In the presence of that God I protest against your iniquity."



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Mr. Claude Efnor
Publisher and Editor
The Northwest Industrial News
1001 Plymouth Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Dear Mr. Efnor:

Your letter of July 24, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

In view of your concern, I would like to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Mr. Efnor or his publication, The Northwest Industrial News, and no information identifiable with [redacted] is affiliated with Fellowship of Reconciliation, which organization is a socialist, pacifist organization which was active in campaigning for racial equality and world peace during World War I and II. His name was on a list in November, 1959, of the National Committee to secure justice for Morton Sobel. Correspondent enclosed a number of newspaper clippings critical of the film, "Operation Abolition," an editorial from the Minneapolis "Sunday Tribune" questioning the wisdom of the recent Supreme Court's decision requiring members of the Communist Party to register; a letter to [redacted] concerning the sermon he refers to in his letter by [redacted] and a copy of The Northwest Industrial News which contains an article, "Let's Tear The Masks Off The Critics of 'Operation Abolition,'" by Mr. Claude Efnor. Editorial ticklers indicate cordial correspondence with this newspaper and with Mr. Daryle Feldmeir, Managing Editor, who, with his wife and three children, were conducted on a tour of Bureau facilities in November 1960. [redacted] Presbyterian Church, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, has been an outspoken critic of the film, "Operation Abolition."

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Communist Infiltrated Into Religion

The liberal press which is represented here by the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, is as you probably realize waging a concerted and intensive war upon the anti-Communist or conservative movement. They have made vicious attacks against the "Operation Abolition" film and are now using the John Birch Society to attack all conservative movements, organizations, individuals, and ideologies. They are making considerable capital out of the fact that one of your assistants has recently made some speeches in which he asserted that the Communists have not infiltrated the clergy to any extent and that the claims that have been made that there are any considerable number, such as six or seven thousand, Communists in the pulpits are untrue and that this is no menace to the country, and so forth.

I have no way of knowing a Communist by looking at him and I do not know what the legal definition of a Communist would be. I presume it would be one who is formally a member of the Communist Party and carries a Communist card. However, you have made the statement many times, both verbally and in print, that the thousands of fellow travelers who are doing the work of the Communist party are even more dangerous than the avowed Communists. With this I agree, and I have become convinced lately that there are a great many of these individuals who are using the pulpits of our churches to aid the Communist cause. They do it by attacking the anti-Communists, the Un-American Activities Committee, and everybody who is militantly anti-Communist. In fact, "militantly anti-Communist" has now become a dirty word combination in left-wing propaganda.

It seems to me that there is a great deal of evidence of collusion among certain editorial writers, commentators, and ministers; and other left-wingers in positions of influence to weaken or destroy the anti-Communist movement. It seems inconceivable to me that a minister would preach a sermon such as the one I enclose of the [redacted] of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, unless he is a Communist sympathizer. It seems incomprehensible to me that a man could preach a similar sermon, such as is reviewed in my letter to a neighbor, [redacted] of May 29th unless it was his intention to protect the Communist movement. The sermon was preached by the [redacted] of Lake Harriet Methodist Church at 49th Street and Chowen Avenue, Minneapolis, on May 28th. I do not know how many of these kind of individuals are using pulpits of the churches in America for propaganda in behalf of the Communist party and its purposes. I am sure that they will all deny being Communists, whether truthfully so or not. It is my belief that if they are dedicated Communists, that they are working on a basis of operation which makes it difficult to trace that collaboration, because they probably do not attend Communist party meetings or carry Communist party cards; but that these ministers and editors, such as [redacted] of the Minneapolis Star, are finding some means of communication with the Communist party leaders and acting in concert with them is obvious.

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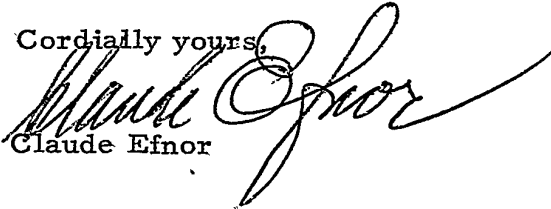
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CORRESPONDENCE

I am forwarding this information to you along with the copy of the Minneapolis Tribune's editorial of July 9, and the "Can We No Longer Tolerate Free Speech?" article for your evaluation.

Cordially yours,



Claude Efnor

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Worthington Pa.

F. B. I. Chief
J Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir.

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May God help you
With prayers

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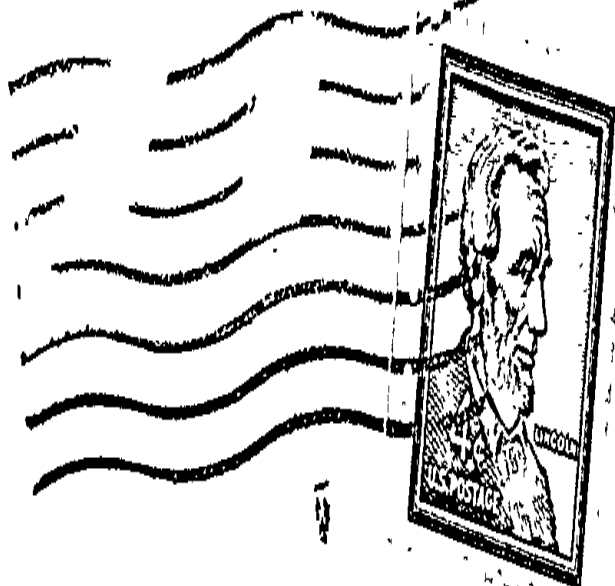
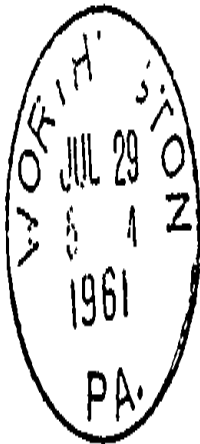
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked July 29, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest prompting you to write is appreciated.

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Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or an endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
Communism and Religion (By Sullivan)

NOTE: Bufiles reflect no information of a derogatory nature identifiable with [Redacted]. Only outgoing to him on 4-13-61 which reflected his first name as [Redacted]. Purposely ignoring any reference to his third paragraph. His enclosure was a pamphlet entitled "The Finished Wonder" which was not reviewed.

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Inspector Sullivan, J. Edgar Hoover, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the National Council of Churches and the Subject of Communist Influence In American Churches

SPECIAL REPORT TO ALL CHURCH LEAGUE SUPPORTERS

It has been called to the attention of the Church League of America by various individuals recently that Mr. Louis Cassels, a religion editor of United Press International, The Christian Century, various denominational publications (both Protestant and Catholic), and various church bulletins are implying that there has been no communist penetration of or influence on churches in the United States.

All of these sources purportedly quote one William C. Sullivan, identified as Chief Inspector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

First of all, it must be understood that Mr. Cassels is a propagandist for the National Council of Churches and a religious liberal in the employ of United Press International, who definitely slants all religious news to the advantage of the National Council of Churches. We have witnesses to this who have personally talked with Mr. Cassels.

Mr. Cassels carried not one line on United Press wires in regard to the historic decision of the court in Wichita, Kansas, several weeks ago, which court awarded the property of the 6,000-member First Baptist Church to the First Baptist Church after the American Baptist Convention sued this church for its property because of the fact that the local church withdrew from the American Baptist Convention when the convention refused to withdraw from the National Council of Churches.

This had become a nation-wide case and the press was quick to capitalize on it when the church withdrew from the American Baptist Convention and the Convention sued the church.

Why did Mr. Cassels, of United Press, and George Cornell, Religion Editor of the Associated Press, not carry one line on the court decision in favor of the First Baptist Church? The decision was a direct slap at the

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National Council of Churches, which has been endeavoring to merge all of the churches into one super church body.

The second major fact to be called to the attention of Christians everywhere is that Mr. William C. Sullivan is not a Protestant and knows nothing whatever of the conditions existing in Protestantism. He has never appeared under oath before the House Committee on Un-American Activities nor before the Senate Internal Security Committee, to refute one line of testimony concerning Communist infiltration of and influence on American churches which has been given in hundreds of pages of hearings by competent witnesses, including F. B. I. undercover informants within the Communist Party, which witnesses have never been charged with perjury by any government agency. Until Mr. Sullivan is willing to do this - that is, appear before these same government committees and tell what he thinks is wrong with this voluminous testimony by many witnesses - his statements cannot be considered as authoritative no matter who in the Kennedy administration, or in the National Council of Churches, supports him.

The third, and most important, fact is that what Mr. Sullivan is saying is in direct opposition to testimony given by J. Edgar Hoover, in which he states that communists have influenced churches in the United States, and we refer specifically to his testimony given on March 26, 1947 entitled, "The Menace Of Communism," page 11; his article entitled, "God Or Chaos?", first written for Redbook Magazine, February 1949, which deals solely with communist penetration and influence of American religious groups, and which climactic paragraph on page 7 states as follows:

"Many communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body. It is ghastly to see the monster atheism being nourished in the churches which it seeks to destroy. Church leaders can stop this nefarious infiltration by taking vigorous action in the boards and commissions under church supervision. Individual

ministers and church members can avoid being hoodwinked if they will stay close to the fundamentals of their faith."

We refer also specifically to Mr. Hoover's book, "Masters Of Deceit," pages 93, 96, 205-206, 324-326, which discusses tactics used by communists in the churches in detail.

The most important testimony of Mr. Hoover, and the most recent, was given to the House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Appropriations on March 6, 1961 and released to the public on Saturday, May 20, 1961, in which testimony he states on page 425:

"They (the communists) have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity: youth groups, television, radio and motion picture industries, church and school, educational and cultural groups, the press, nationality minority groups and civil and political units."

On page 439 of Mr. Hoover's testimony before the Committee, there appears a direct exchange between Congressman Elford A. Cederberg, of Michigan, and the director, in which Mr. Cederberg refers directly to the National Council of Churches and Mr. Hoover replies to the Congressman's question. Here is the portion of the testimony:

"Mr. Cederberg. Mr. Director, I just wonder if you can give any explanation as to why so many organizations that are basically sound and dedicated to doing what is right - and I do not hesitate to name one of them, the National Council of Churches - why are some of the hierarchy of these organizations so naive to the threat posed by communism in this country?"

"Mr. Hoover. Mr. Congressman, I think it is due to the fact they have not fully informed themselves as to what the facts are. Many people have the idea that communism is not a serious threat because the movement is numerically small in this country. Its numerical strength is one thing, but we must judge it by its fanatical, dedicated, and disciplined membership. Most non-communists are not disciplined, fanatical believers in the theory and practice of American democracy as are the communists in communism. That is the reason why some of these people err in their thinking.

"Such erroneous thinking often results in a great deal of harm, particularly in many organizations where the practice is followed of having the rank-and-file elect delegates to represent them at

Activities In the Cincinnati, Ohio Area." At that time both of these agents mentioned ministers by name, and Christian youth directors, within the State of Ohio, who were members of the Communist Party, and others who served the Communist cause.

On page 2665 of this hearing Mr. Edmiston stated as follows:

"There was the North Side Peace League, which maintained its headquarters in the Indianola Methodist Church, and the South Side Peace League centered around the membership of the Workers Alliance. The Linden Peace League was a part of the northwest section of Columbus. The Linden Peace League was not successful. The other groups got fairly good membership. The north side must have had 200 members from members of the Communist Party, fellow-travelers, people who were on the faculty of Ohio State University, and people living in the north end of Columbus."

Here is direct testimony to the fact that members of the Communist Party and fellow-travelers maintained their headquarters in the Indianola Methodist Church.

The Church League of America has all of the hundreds of pages of testimony which have been given to state and federal agencies since the Communist Party was founded in Chicago in 1919.

None of this testimony has ever been challenged under oath. It is a matter of public record.

When you find newspapers, ministers, or even representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation saying that there has been on Communist infiltration of or influence on American churches, then face them with these volumes of sworn evidence and ask them why they do not request a hearing before the investigative committees of the Congress and make these statements under oath and attempt to disprove, if they can, what many witnesses, including F.B.I. agents, have read into evidence concerning Communist infiltration of religious groups within the United States.

The communists, the fellow-travelers, and just plain dupes, or dopes, use various and sundry devices for trying to ridicule the idea that communism has penetrated religious institutions. Such a device was used by the late Rev. Donald Grey Barnhouse when he assigned a so-called "expert" by the name of Martin to do a white-wash job on the National Council of Churches concerning its aid and comfort to the communists.

Mr. Martin stated that he had contacted a staff member of the House Committee On Un-American Activities, who told him that Herbert A. Philbrick (famous F.B.I. counter-spy for eleven years) had not been able to identify any ministers by name in the Communist Conspiracy.

The fact of the matter is that no such thing was said by any member of the House Committee On Un-American Activities. The members were contacted by the Church League, including Mr. Francis MacNamara, to whom Mr. Martin spoke. Mr. MacNamara stated that he never told Mr. Martin any such thing and furthermore would not have given him any such statement, as staff members are not allowed to give out any information which is not included in committee hearings.

This was the same Dr. Barnhouse who had previously attacked the Federal Bureau Of Investigation as being completely dominated by Roman Catholics. This aroused J. Edgar Hoover so that he gave a statement out to the American press to the effect that no one had any way of determining what the religious affiliations of the F.B.I. agents are as a whole, because questions concerning religious affiliations were not even asked them on their application forms for work in the Bureau.

The Church League of America strongly advises its supporters not to go off on tangents or into "the wild blue yonder" when they hear or read statements by ministers, press agents of the National Council, or even an F.B.I. agent, who may not know what he is talking about.

Stick to the documented Congressional hearings and challenge all "unbelievers" to volunteer to go before these same committees and be put under oath where they will be subject to the law against perjury (lying while under oath) to which the witnesses who testified concerning Communist penetration of church groups were also subjected. None of these witnesses have been prosecuted for perjury! Their testimony will stand as evidence until it is discredited under oath.

The Church League of America is considering, right now, reproducing the four vital volumes of testimony, all of which have to do with communist penetration of religious groups, entitled, "Communist Activity In The New York City Area, Parts 5, 6, 7 and 8," which testimony names many religious leaders, institutions and publications who have aided the cause of communism within the United States. This volume has been unavailable from the Government Printing Office for some months.

Whether or not the Church League undertakes this vital reproduction will depend on what contributions are received for this project from contributors who are interested. The complete set will sell for approximately \$2.50.

We will be pleased to hear from you as soon as possible in regard to your interest in this matter.

Write: ~~Church League of America~~
1407 Hill Avenue
Wheaton, Illinois

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a self-explanatory special bulletin which has been prepared by The Church League of America relative to Mr. William C. Sullivan Chief Inspector, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It is very confusing and discouraging, Sir, to have you deplore the complacency of the American people in regard to communist infiltration in their churches, et cetera, while Mr. Sullivan in the position he holds in the F. B. I. assures us "that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control, or influence over American clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale," and "that the American clergy..... have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism."

into Religion

I find Mr. Sullivan's statements very hard to believe in the light of testimony given in Congressional investigations and by F. B. I. undercover agents. The actions and writings of a large number of clergymen may not be communist inspired but they certainly do not support them as being "most formidable bulwarks in the crusade against communism." I believe an investigation of the National Council of Churches of Christ is long over-due.

I am an active member of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. and along with many other laymen feel a deep concern over the trend to Socialism and the actions which parallel the Communist Party line in the Protestant Churches. They tend to accomodate themselves more and more to communism.

It is regrettable that Mr. Sullivan's remarks have given so much "aid and comfort" to those who are seeking to subvert our churches.

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of July 29, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is indeed understandable.

Although I would like to be of service, the files of this Bureau are confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and are available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. This opposition to communism, however, must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing some literature dealing with the general subject of subversion you may wish to read. I am also enclosing the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you forwarded.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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What You Can do to Fight Communism
Christianity Today series
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Federal Bureau Of Investigation
Washington D. C.

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I am writing pertaining to ministers who are in the pulpits who are Communists or of that nature. We are a small church in Indiana. Decatur County - Have always had peace and harmony when suddenly out of a clear sky - we get a student from Cincinnati Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, Christian Church who has split the Church in half - set up a dictatorship and has under control people who do as he says they should - Name [redacted] Dewey, Oklahoma. He has a father-in-law in Dewey Oklahoma - [redacted] is his last name who is a minister. This is confidential isn't it? [redacted] stated time and again from the pulpit we had nothing to fear from the Communists but the Catholics. I have friends who are Catholics - They believe their way. I believe mine. Our Pilgrim forefathers came for freedom of religion and to me every one has a right to their belief as far as religion goes.

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Would you please send me a list of those churches and preachers who are Communists. I thank you for your patience in reading this and hope it will be kept in confidence

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I am told that Communists work in church & school and they get communities angry such as we are. There is nothing worse than a church that is torn in two parts.

Thank you.

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Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 30, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

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In view of your concern, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or an endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan. I am also returning to you the material you sent to me, as you requested.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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The "Christian Advocate" is a leading Methodist Church weekly publication through whose cooperation a top 10 fugitive was apprehended in 1956.
"Christian Century" is a nondenominational magazine published biweekly by the Christian Century Foundation, Chicago, Illinois. Its editor, Paul Hutchinson, received contributions before World War II from AMTORG. This publication has supported the position taken by pacifists and has condemned the treatment of Negroes in the United States and the handling of Japanese in California during World War II. Her enclosures consisted of several articles which in essence stated that the clergy and our churches have not been infiltrated by the communists to any great degree. Only reference identifiable with Mrs. George C. Baker, Jr., refers to a letter she wrote to the editor of the "Dallas Morning News" which appeared in the April 25, 1961, edition of that newspaper. She quoted a portion of Assistant Director Sullivan's remarks, made at Cincinnati, Ohio, on 2-22-61 which though basically accurate her information was incomplete.

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Communism and Religion (speech by W. C. Sullivan)

Mr. Tolson	
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Corpus Christi, Texas
July 30, 1961

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been so disturbed about certain quotations of statements of Chief Inspector, William C. Sullivan. It has appeared in our local newspaper (see enclosed editorial of July 17th.). A letter in The Dallas Morning News from the wife of a Methodist Minister, Mrs. George C. Baker, Jr. quotes the same statement. A Church bulletin of July 2nd. carries the same quote. I am enclosing all references and, if possible, may I have them back?

I am sure that your representative did not mean to leave the impressions that there was NO infiltration in the churches at all but that perhaps the infiltration was not ALARMING.

I have been contacting Pastors, leading churchmen and churchwomen now for quite some time. I am truly alarmed that most of the church membership is ignorant of just what is happening to us. The Ministers have as their guide "Christian Century", whose Editor signed the petition to abolish the HUAC; "Eternity", "Some Facts and Some Comments" about "Operation Abolition" and I am sure other publications that carry the same line. These I have seen and have in my possession. But when they close their minds and their ears to the TRUTH and grasp quotations like Mr. Sullivan's above, coming from the reputable FBI, it is so easy to convince the gullible, uninformed membership that all the accusations made are by "quacks", "disciples of discord" and like appellations. The faithful PATRIOTS who are trying to warn our churches and country of our danger--from WHATEVER source--are crucified by criticism. Rome fell and so will we.

Mr. Hoover, you have been so wonderful and have done so much for our country and I want to thank you for saving us as long as you have. But I am truly frightened mainly because of the stand that the churches are taking. Some have investigated the NCC and are taking the right stand. But they are so few. And I know that IF the ministers would truly lead us from the pulpits that the membership-- though uninformed,-- would believe their spiritual leader (supposed to be) and we could clean out Mr. Khrushchev and his gang in short order. But as long as the NCC holds the stranglehold on the ministers that they have now, there will be no awakening. I am appealing to you to change the picture, if you can. Can what they are doing with Mr. Sullivan's statement be changed or counteracted? Somehow I think YOU can change the picture.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

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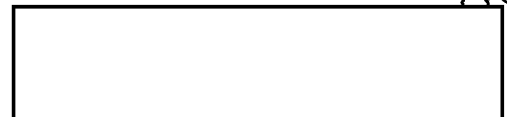
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"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official ^{what?} told United Press International, has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

July 31, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
INTO Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please tell me whether or not the enclosed report is an accurate statement of your stand on the matter of communist infiltration in our churches.

The reason I ask is that this enclosed discussion seems to me to be at variance with quotations from your speeches and with what you wrote in "Masters of Deceit".

If our churches have not been infiltrated by subversive elements, then we must have some terribly naive clergymen writing some of our church literature. It hurts me to see the church to which my husband and I have belonged for many, many years sanctioning the pronouncements and the literature which it does.

Is there no help for us?

sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Helena, Montana

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A Report of Importance to All Church Members.....

NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM AND SUN, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1961

Church and Religious News

FBI: WIDE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN CHURCHES A 'FALSEHOOD'

Once again charges of Communistic infiltration are being hurled against U.S. churches. Here statements from the FBI show how such wild claims by anti-Communist "vigilantes" are actually welcomed by the Reds.

By Louis Cassels
United Press International

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No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches--sometimes openly, sometimes subtly--in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Undoubtedly they have tried in the past to infiltrate churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to leadership, particularly in the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. It is difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

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Although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a (substantial) number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

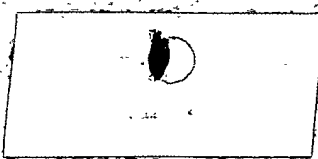
During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

CHARGE IS 'FALSEHOOD'

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

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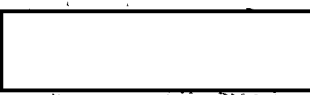
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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of July 31, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I welcome this opportunity to clarify our position in this matter.

I would like to point out that representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

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It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. Fortunately, however, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. Our churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive, and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, together with some other literature pertaining to this general subject which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and Religion

Director's Statement 4-17-61 re Internal Security

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

Christianity Today Series

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by Louis Cassels

WHAT ABOUT COMMUNISM IN OUR CHURCHES?

**There is no time left to perpetuate
myths which can destroy us.**

TWO EPISCOPAL laymen were having a troubled conversation at the headquarters of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. One of them was a newspaperman. The other was a high official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I think," said the reporter, "that this thing is getting serious."

"So do I," said the FBI man.

He paused and stared out of his office window at the throngs of springtime tourists on sun-bathed Pennsylvania Avenue.

"It would certainly be ironic," he said, "if a job which the Communists couldn't do for themselves should be done for them by the very people who profess to be their worst enemies."

The two men were talking about a campaign which threatens to weaken and demoralize America's churches by planting in the public mind the suspicion that they are overrun by Reds.

This campaign is not being conducted by Communists. It is being carried on by men and organizations which claim to be militantly anti-Communist. But the FBI has evidence that the Communists are as delighted with the results as if they had planned the whole operation themselves.

Sapping the vitality of Christian churches has always been a major Communist objective. In every country where the Communists have gained power, from Russia to Cuba, the objective is being pursued openly, with acts of persecution and harassment against churches.

In free nations like the United States of America, Communists cannot attack Christianity directly. But they are constantly alert for opportunities to disrupt churches by more devious methods.

One obvious method is to infiltrate the churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy. The Communists undoubtedly have tried to do this. But they have found that it is much easier said than done. Communism and Christianity are diametrically opposed in their basic beliefs about God and man. As a practical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

Another method which the Communists have tried is duping well-meaning Christian clergymen into lending their names to Communist-front projects.

Dr. Ralph Lord Roy, a Methodist minister, has been conducting a study for the past six years, under a grant from the Fund for the Republic, to determine what success the Communists have had in this direction. His extensively documented research is reported in a book, *Communism and the Churches*, recently published by Harcourt, Brace.

Dr. Roy sums up his findings in these words:

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WHAT ABOUT COMMUNISM?

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"Since 1930, there has been an estimated total of well over 500,000 ordained clergymen in the United States. Of these . . . the proportion who have been affiliated with Communist efforts *in any way whatever* has been exceedingly small—perhaps slightly over 1 per cent.

"The number who have been Communists, or persistent—and identifiable—fellow travelers, has been minute, in spite of continual efforts to involve clergymen in the Communist apparatus. Today, perhaps twenty-five of this number remain—or approximately .007 of 1 per cent of American ministers. And most of these are not serving pulpits."

The FBI has not commented on Dr. Roy's specific figures. But it strongly agrees with his basic conviction—that the Communists have made very little headway in their thirty-year effort to penetrate American churches.

During the past few weeks, FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan has delivered speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are infested with hidden Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has *not* achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control, or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale.

"America's religious institutions are one of our most formidable bulwarks in the crusade against communism. There can be no question as to the loyalty of the overwhelming majority of the American clergy to the nation, and the fact that they have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Mr. Hoover feels that self-appointed vigilantes, who hurl reckless charges of Communist infiltration against the churches, are unwittingly but effectively serving the Communist cause.

The Communists apparently feel the same way. The

FBI has observed that they are very unhappy about Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"This should not surprise anyone," the high FBI official said. "The Communists are in favor of anything that will weaken America's churches and discredit their leaders. They know that in the present climate of public opinion, having Americans *believe* they have infiltrated the churches is almost as effective in sowing discord and dissension as an actual infiltration might have been."

The question that arises at this point is: Why are supposedly militant anti-Communists thus playing into the Communists' hands?

Some churchmen may be tempted to give the vigilantes a dose of their own medicine by hinting darkly that they *could* be hidden Communist agents, wearing the perfect disguise of rabid Communist-hunters. But however plausible this suspicion might be made to sound, there is no evidence to support it.

On the contrary, the evidence indicates that the charges of "communism in the churches" are being made by genuine, if extreme, conservatives, who are incensed at the social pronouncements of such Christian bodies as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

In a recent letter to the clergymen of his diocese, Episcopal Bishop William Crittenden of Erie said church members must learn to "be on guard" against "unwarranted attacks on Christian clergymen of unquestioned repute, including Episcopalians, on the social action program of the churches, and on the National Council of Churches."

"Let us fight communism to the utmost," the bishop said, "but let us do it by trying to correct the injustices upon which communism feeds, not by unfounded accusations nor by twisting the truth to accommodate our point of view."

This plea for sanity won't endear Bishop Crittenden to the Communists. Nor do the Communists appreciate any one of a dozen or more other Episcopal bishops who have commented similarly on this specific problem in the past few months. In fact, the Communists may learn to dislike these courageous bishops almost as much as they dislike Chief Inspector Sullivan of the FBI and his colleagues.

Are there really Communists in our churches? Perhaps a better question to ask ourselves is: Who are the people who are really helping the Communists today?

Communism believes that all evil is rooted in a system, not in man. Thus it must dedicate every effort to overthrowing that system by causing industrial warfare and strife. Over its ruins will be built the perfect Communist state, which can do no evil. From then on, life will be ideal.

Christianity continually reminds us that the root of evil lies in the heart of man, and that until man is changed, any system will lead to evils, exploitation, and oppression. —U.N. World

PROVEN WORTHINESS. The U.S. Peace Corps parallels some efforts already proven worthwhile by The Methodist Church. Its idea of service, paying only basic living costs to participants who work and live among nationals, is similar to the church's two and three-year missionary programs and short-term work projects in the U.S. and abroad.

ADDS NEW FOREIGN EDITIONS. The Upper Room, the interdenominational daily devotional guide of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, has added editions printed in Danish and in Malayalam, the language of India's Malabar coast. Editions now total 38.

FBI PRAISES CLERGY'S LOYALTY. Speaking at a ministers' meeting in Cincinnati, Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan of the FBI declared: "There can be no question as to the loyalty of the overwhelming majority of the American clergy to the nation and the fact that they have been among the most consistent and vigorous opponents of communism."

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Your letter of August 1, 1961, has been received, and I welcome this opportunity to clarify our position in this matter.

It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. I would also like to point out that representatives of this Bureau who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks as well as some other material on communism you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
God and Country or Communism?
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Series from Christianity Today

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Church Of The Master
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Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
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Mr. Rosen	
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August 1
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
10th and Pennsylvania Avenues, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have seen press reports lately to the effect that Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan has labeled as a "patent falsehood" allegations that "Protestant denominations have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence" by the Communist party. I think I also read somewhere that you personally indorsed his comments.

I have more recently heard someone say that the press reports were not accurate and that such comments as quoted above do not represent the facts.

Feeling that there is so much misinformation and misquotation on this matter, I am writing to you to ascertain the truth of the situation. Is it true that Chief Inspector Sullivan made some such comment as above, and do you indorse it as fact? I am deeply concerned over loose talk which has gone on about Communism and the churches, and I will appreciate any help and clarification that you can give.

Yours,

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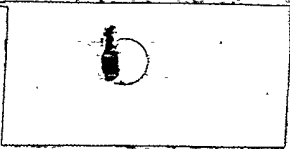
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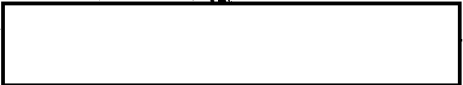
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Dear

Your letter of July 30, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

In view of your concern, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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The FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I am unable to make any comment concerning the individual you referred to in your letter.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure *Communism + Religion (William C. Sullivan)*

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MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Certainly what is said here is true. We do not want our churches are all red infiltrated. I don't. But I do believe many ministers are not facing the issue of Communism & their share to fight it. Furthermore, many seem to be antagonistic to those of us who are trying to do something. Articles such as the enclosed obviously are hitting at the anti-Communists. They are trying to use the FBI to support their case. I think you should speak up on this. Do you agree with the work of [Redacted]?

Yours truly,

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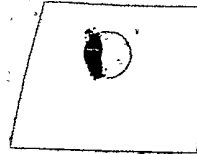
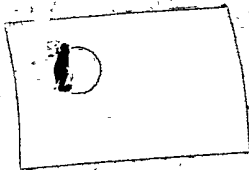
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Dear

I have received your letter of August 1, with enclosure, and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous comments concerning my administration of the FBI.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan.

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In view of your concern, I am enclosing some additional material that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Monmouth, Illinois,
August 1, 1961.

- Mr. Tolson ✓
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
National Director FBI,
Washington, D. C.

Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Am enclosing herewith an Editorial, which appeared in our newspaper date of July 15th, for your perusal and comment.

This editorial caused considerable stir and concern here by many of our citizens (including myself) wondering why and how such a contrary view would come from your department by this man "Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan" and saying you backed him in his views.

I have read many of your writings, books and various pamphlets and also many of the Congressional Records, and have never once received the impression from these that you have ever soft-pedalled or underestimated the Communistic inroads and infiltration in the many organizations - the church being one of them. So it was regrettable that such an article as I enclose should come out in our small town paper to soft pedal the efforts of the communists and lull to sleep those citizens who are trying to be alert, and then those who keep saying they do not think the communistic infiltration has reached the proportions as claimed.

Both our newspaper publisher, [redacted] with whom I discussed this article, and many citizens here suggested I write you and send this editorial and we trust you will do us the favor of sending us your comment on this. Our publisher furnished information as thru whom their paper gets their editorials, and it was from "The Alburn Bureau, Box 6135, Minneapolis, 24, Minn." [redacted]

I subscribe to a great many publications and one of them is the Christian Beacon, Editor Carl McIntire, D.D., and in their publication of June 15th there was a three column article which dealt in part with Inspector Sullivan and others, and which article was released by the Church League of America, 1407 Hill Ave., Wheaton, Ill., Major Edgar C. Bundy, Director, which does explain a few things regarding Mr. Sullivan. This article quotes portions of important testimony and given to the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Appropriations on Mar. 6, 1961 and released to the public on May 20, 1961, in which testimony you state on page 425 as follows: "They (the communists) have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity; youth groups, Television, Radio and motion picture industries, church and school, educational & cultural groups, the press, nationality minority groups and civil and political units." etc etc.

And in view of the many statements by yourself it seems that what Mr. Sullivan says is in direct opposition to those statements. And so the editorial I enclose seems to be contrary to the truth, misleading and confusing and an injustice to your F.B.I. Department. And we would appreciate it if you would reply on this and especially our publisher is anxious to get your comments, so kindly do not disappoint us.

For a good many years I've been an ardent admirer of all your noble efforts and may your Department continue and long stand as the bulwark of Americanism in our great land.

Yours very truly,

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Arcadia, California

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Your card postmarked August 3, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

We do not have any copies of the "Congressional Record" available for distribution; however, enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

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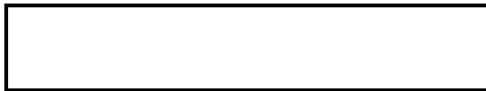
The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of most of the Christian churches throughout the world except the Roman Catholic Church and certain small sects. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this organization. Many inquiries have been received regarding communist infiltration of this organization. (100-231551)

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Do you have any Congressional Records on the Churches Red Infiltenation

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 5, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I am most appreciative of your expressions of confidence in my administration of this Bureau.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that the film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. Consequently, I am unable to make any comment concerning it. You may desire to direct your inquiry to the Committee, which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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With regard to the other matter you mentioned, our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to these efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. In reference to Mr. Cassels' article, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, together with some other material on communism which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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William C. Sullivan's speech, Communism and Religion

Communist Party, USA

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention CP, USA

Christianity Today Series

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning ^{U.S.} correspondent. He enclosed a copy of the recent article by Louis Cassels pertaining to communist infiltration of American churches. Kenneth Goff claims to have been a member of the CP prior to 1939 and in recent years has been ^{U.S.} touring the country lecturing on communism. The Denver Office has described Goff as a borderline psychopath.

F.B.I. Wide Communist Infiltration

in Churches a Falsehood

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THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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Dear

Mr. J. Edger Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

*Communist Infiltration
into Religion*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations! for the job you and your FBI men are doing to keep our country free from Communistic domination.

Last year the Air Force Manual reports exposing Communistic infiltration into our Churches was and is still being regarded as a lie and that this could never be possible. Recently one of our Topeka Council of Churches gave out to the membership the enclosed information. Would you please advise me of its authenticity.

In July I arranged 21 showings of the film Operation Abolition using follow up material such as Communist Target Youth reports, Matt Cervetic's book etc. We received tremendous opposition from The Topeka Council of Churches. I'm aware of The National Council of Churches' attitude in regard to Operation Abolition, however, I would like for you to send any information that would back the events shown in the film as being true, to me. Our local WIBW-TV has requested the newer film Operation Abolition from [redacted] on a possible loan basis for showing in the Topeka area.

Would you please send me additional information about Communist activities in the USA and what we as American citizens can do to curb this cancer.

Looking forward to hearing from you and I thank you again for your dedication.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Goff
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Kenneth Goff is a personal friend of mine.

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Your letter of August 6, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to this Bureau.

With respect to your discussion, it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to clarify our position on the subject of communism and religion. I am enclosing a copy of the tenor of remarks made by Mr. Sullivan to which you referred. You will notice he states that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including our religious institutions. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that these groups will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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With regard to your other question, I must advise that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some other material you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,
L. Edgar Hoover

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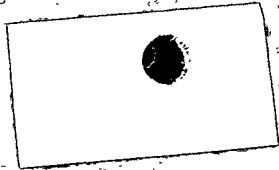
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Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

God and Country or Communism

An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA

& 3-60 LEB Introduction

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that one [REDACTED] who was in [REDACTED] of the Bay Shore Methodist Church, Tampa, Florida, was described as a rabid pacifist and a conscientious objector with communistic tendencies. In [REDACTED] one [REDACTED] Methodist Church, Sarasota, Florida, was a signer of an open letter to Senators and Congressmen urging defeat of President Truman's Arms Program. The same individual was a member of the Methodist Federation for Social Action and signed a letter of Continuations Committee of the Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.

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Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On Thursday, August 3, 1961 the [redacted] Executive Secretary of the Florida Council of Churches delivered an address in the city of Jacksonville, Florida to the Exchange Club.

The following is an excerpt from the address: "Sullivan (FBI Chief Inspector) was sent by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by Reds. In his April statement, Sullivan said, "These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and control."

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

It would be greatly appreciated if you would please furnish me the complete text of the speech which Mr. Sullivan allegedly made containing the above excerpt.

Is there any other material available through your office concerning the infiltration of the National Council of Christian Churches by communists.

Yours very truly,

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Secretary, Jacksonville Construction Co., Inc.

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THE FEDERAL COUNCIL PROMOTES SOCIALISM

In many official pronouncements, the Federal Council has attacked free enterprise, capitalism and the American way of life, and has loudly advocated Socialism.

In an official report in 1932, the Federal Council stated: "The Christian ideal calls for hearty support of a planned economic system. . . . It demands that cooperation shall replace competition as a fundamental method."

At a full meeting in Indianapolis in December, 1932, the Federal Council adopted unanimously this Socialist creed: "The churches should stand for social planning and control of the credit and monetary systems and the economic processes."

The following year, 1933, the Council officially declared: "The Christian conscience can be satisfied with nothing less than the complete substitution of motives of mutual helpfulness and good will for the motive of private gain."

The Federal Council has not changed since then. This anti-free enterprise, anti-profit attitude is still its fundamental policy. In Cleveland in January, 1945, they again attacked the right of private property as an absolute freedom, and further stated, "Many changes may be necessary in our economic practices. These changes will probably be in the direction of a larger measure of social planning and control than characterized our pre-war system."

In 1948 at Amsterdam, the World Council of Churches, which is dominated by the Federal Council and was attended by most of its leading lights, adopted this resolution:

"The Christian Churches should reject the ideologies of both Communism and laissez-faire Capitalism." (Note: The resolution which was first adopted did not have the words "Laissez-faire." These were added next day to "tone down" the resolution after unfavorable repercussions began to pour in.)

These are just a few illustrations which prove that the Federal Council believes in, preaches and advocates Socialism, and is completely opposed to the American (and Christian) system of Individual Freedom.

MANY OF ITS PREACHERS ARE COMMUNISTS

Communism is materialistic, godless and intensely anti-Christian. It not only atheistically denies the existence of God; but it also carries on a vigorous and vicious campaign militantly teaching hatred of God. It is almost inconceivable that ministers of the gospel of Christ could be found chummy associating with Communists and lending aid and comfort to communist organizations—yet they do—by the thousands (see opposite page for a few notable examples).

A large number of the clergy affiliated with the Federal Council repeatedly preach that Communism is an advanced form of democracy; that it is the desirable next step in the forward progress of our society; that Communism and Socialism are the "new social order" and express more nearly than capitalism the true brotherhood of man; that they bring us closer to the realization of the ideals expressed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount; that Russia is the land where all social and economic problems have been solved, where inequality, poverty and want have been abolished.

Even more are fellow travelers

While some affiliated with the Federal Council are undoubtedly members of the Communist Party, most of those who have been actively aiding and abetting Socialism and Communism are fellow travelers rather than actual members of the party.

However, it must be remembered that fellow travelers are more dangerous to America than outright Communists. It is generally they who lend an air of respectability to the vicious, debased movement that is Communism, and it is they who bring into communist fronts the innocents and dupes without whose aid, encouragement and financial support the front could not exist. It has been well said that a fellow traveler is a Communist without courage—one who believes in the principles of Marxism but without the intestinal fortitude publicly to join the party.

Under our code of laws one who aids and abets a criminal is just as guilty as the one who commits an overt crime. Anyone, be he minister or layman, who knowingly aids and abets the God-hating enemies of America and Christianity is just as guilty and just as un-American as a Communist.

J. Edgar Hoover: "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work."

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE CONDEMNS FEDERAL COUNCIL

United States Naval Intelligence in 1935 reported that the Federal Council of Churches was subversive and was one of the strongest of the organizations "which while not openly advocating the force and violence principles of the Communist Party give aid and comfort to the communist movement and party. . . . It is a large radical pacifist organization and probably represents 200,000 Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matters against national defense."

Since that time the activities and policies of the Federal Council have not improved one whit.

WHAT SOME FEDERAL COUNCIL LEADERS HAVE SAID ABOUT COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM

"Is it not probable that the greatest event of the 20th Century thus far is the Soviet Revolution and all it has meant to human welfare?" (Prof. Jerome Davis, long time member of the Federal Council inner circle.)

"It is my conviction that one cannot be a Christian, if he must function within a society where self-interest and personal profit are the dynamic of industrial life." (Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, Chairman Federal Council's Department on the Church and Cooperatives.)

"The principle of competition seems to be nothing more than a partly conventionalized embodiment of primeval selfishness." (Samuel McGree Caver, Gen. Secy. of Federal Council, in an official Council publication.)

"When the Western world was founded in an unjust and competitive order. . . . God reached out and put his hand on the Russian communists to produce a juster order and to show a recumbent church what it has missed in its own gospel." (E. Stanley Jones, Federal Council-sponsored preacher and speaker.)

"The Christian religion is not a suitable religion for today." (Edmond C. Lindeman, Federal Council Commission on research, and editor 1939 and 1940.)

"The Soviet Union is progressing and growing up economically and politically since the time of the Czars, while capitalist society is starving and going down." (Harry F. Ward in a radio broadcast May 21, 1946.)

"Denominationally, I am a Presbyterian; religiously a Unitarian; and politically, I'm a Communist. I'm not preaching to make people good or anything of the sort. I'm in the church because I can reach people easier that way and get them organized for Communism." (Rev. Claude C. Williams, a confessed Communist Party member, Director of People's Institute of Applied Religion, and long-time intimate of prominent Federal Council personalities.)

"The only way out is an economic order which increasingly eliminates the profit motive." (Edward L. Parsons, Bishop of California.)

HERETICAL APOSTASY OF SOME TOP FC LEADERS

"God for us cannot be. . . an average Being who because of Adam's sin must have his Sphyokian pound of flesh. No wonder the honest boy in justifiable repugnance could say, 'Giddy bully.'" (Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, FC President, 1944-46, "Preaching in a Revolutionary Age," page 79.)

"Of course, I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the atonement." (Dr. Harry E. Fosdick—for years FC radio speaker—in a letter, January, 1945) ". . . the theology of our forefathers is an insult to our intellect." (Fosdick on radio)

"Literal infallibility of Scripture is a fortress impossible to defend: there is treason in the camp. Probably few people who claim to 'believe every word of the Bible' really mean it. That avowed hold to its last logic would risk a trip to the insane asylum." (Dr. George A. Buttrick, FC President, 1940-42, "Christian Fact and Modern Doubt," page 116.)

BE ALERT FOR FCS DISHONEST DENIALS

In the past when some notorious Communist fellow traveler connected with the Federal Council has been criticized, the Federal Council has issued wessel-worded denials of such connection. They have even had the dishonesty to assume an air of indignation and protest that Bishop Francis J. McConnell had no connection with the Federal Council. Bishop McConnell was for years president of the Federal Council, and for many additional years was one of the leading members of the inner circle. Every name listed herein is or has been intimately connected with the Federal Council, most of them in high positions.

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3) Peoples Institute of Applied Religion
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"One of the most vicious Communist organizations ever set up in this country."

Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities

3) People's Lobby
Its slogan, according to its officers, "To balance consumption and production by eliminating profit," its program, "Increased taxation of the rich; socialization of ground rent and reduction of interest rates as steps towards the elimination of profits; public ownership of banking, natural resources, transportation, communication and all basic industries; government marketing and government housing corporations."—This program is in accord with the Socialist-Communist system of Russia.

4) The Protestant (Formerly known as Protestant Digest)
"A magazine which fanatically spreads Communist propaganda under the guise of being a religious journal."

Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
A "Communist publication."

California Committee on Un-American Activities

4) Schappes Defense Committee
"A front organization with a strictly Communist objective, namely, the defense of a self-admitted Communist who was convicted of perjury in the courts of New York."

Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Among typical front organizations for the defense, honor, or support of known Communists."

California Committee on Un-American Activities

4) Socialist Party
Insofar as ultimate ends are concerned, there is no distinction between Socialism and Communism. Socialists seek to take over the government by legislative means, if possible, resorting to a throat-cutting revolution only as a last resort. Many Communist leaders of today get their training in the Socialist Party. Socialists and Communists cooperate in many specific activities on a United Front basis. Earl Browder, former General Secretary, Communist Party, explains: "The program of the Socialist Party and the program of the Communist Party have a common origin in the document written by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in 1848-1849 known as the Communist Manifesto. There is no difference, so far as the program is concerned, in its final aim. The differences between the Socialist and Communist parties are gradually being eliminated, and one united Socialist or Communist movement is emerging."

4) United Christian Council for Democracy
A United Front movement, sponsored by leading Socialists, Communist and radical leaders in the churches. Its purpose, according to its official statement, was "to draw together the different left wing groups into a United Front Movement."

One of its major activities in 1940 was a militant campaign against the Dies Committee Investigating Un-American Activities.

4) Washington Committee to Lift the Spanish Embargo
Cited as a Communist front.

California Committee on Un-American Activities

4) Signer of "World Tomorrow" Poll
Voted in favor of Socialism, a drastic increase in inheritance and income taxes, a "cooperative commonwealth" instead of capitalism.

4) War Resisters League
American affiliate of the revolutionary Socialist-Communist War Resisters International. Its pledge for enrollment says: "I declare it to be my intention never to take part in war, offensive or defensive, international or civil, whether it be by bearing arms, making or handling munitions, voluntarily subscribing to war loans, or using my labor for the purpose of setting others free for war service." One of its slogans is: "To unite men and women who have determined to give no support to any war, irrespective of the reasons." The League co-sponsors numerous communist-controlled movements and programs of Communist-dominated organizations.

THE CHURCH BODIES WHICH CONSTITUTE THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

- AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
- AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH
- AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION
- ANGELICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
- CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
- COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
- CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
- DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
- DIVINE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
- EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
- EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH
- EVANGELICAL UNITED OF CHURCH MORAVIAN BRETHREN IN N.A.
- FRENCH—FIVE YEARS MEETING
- FRIENDS OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY
- METHODIST CHURCH
- MORAVIAN CHURCH (NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN PROVINCES)
- NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF AMERICA
- NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.
- REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
- UNITED CHURCH IN AMERICA
- ROMANIAN ORTHODOX EPISCOPATE OF AMERICA
- RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA
- SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE
- SYRIAC ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
- UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA
- UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
- UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF N.A.

The National Council claims to represent 28,000,000 Protestants. If the church to which you belong is a member of one of these bodies, they claim to represent you.

Does it represent you? Do you believe that American Free Enterprise should be scrapped and replaced by Socialism? The National Council does. Do you agree with the un-American, un-Christian policy of the hierarchy of the National Council?

If you don't there are several things you can do about it:

- 1) Insist that your church stop supporting the National Council. Don't let it give one dollar. The National Council receives large sums from various Jewish and other non-Christian or anti-Christian groups, so while the withdrawal of your church's support won't put them out of business, it will hurt them. If all real Christian churches withdrew, it would seriously cripple them.
- 2) Join this organization and help remedy the situation.
- 3) In this short space it is impossible to show in detail the apostasy, Socialism and Communism of the National Council of Churches. There are three excellent books and several pamphlets which go into the subject with great thoroughness. They are most reading for everyone interested in restoring the Protestant churches to the faith of our fathers.

- Books
- "Collectivism Challenges Christianity", Kaab, \$2.00
- "God and Man at Yale", Buckley, \$3.50
- "Ecclesiastical Octopus", Gordon, \$2.00
- Send \$1 for an assortment of pamphlets on the subject.

Price of this leaflet, 3 copies 25 cents; 18 copies \$1.00; \$5.00 per one hundred.
All shipping charges prepaid. Special discount to churches.

American Council of Christian Laymen
Madison 1, Wisconsin

HOW RED IS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES?

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At a Constituting Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 28-1, 1950, the Federal Council of Churches "went underground" merging with a dozen other denominational agencies to name National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. The Federal Council will not survive legal charter, and its programs and leadership changed, although it is called under a new name.



Christian Americans must act vigorously and promptly
or their churches will become no more than wings
of the Communist-Socialist movement.

READ THE FACTS INSIDE AND
DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSION

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rganized by the Communist Party for the support of the
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Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
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merican Fund for Public Service (the Garland Fund)
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ses such as the Daily Worker and New Masses, official
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California Committee on Un-American Activities
ontributed more than \$1,500,000, all to the furtherance and
port of left-wing Marxist projects. . . Had, as its trustees,
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Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities
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Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
merican Round Table on India
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mber of the Communist Party."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
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Attorney General Tom Clark
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Attorney General Francis Biddle
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ly identified with the White House picket line."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
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California Committee on Un-American Activities
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(Now named Episcopal League for Social Action)
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nda and distributes the pamphlets of the League for Indus-
Democracy (a United Front league without the prefix
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of its non-sectarian counterpart."
Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities
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l as a Communist front, formed to oppose deportation of
y Bridges, Communist Party member and leader of the
trous San Francisco general strike of 1934 which was
led by the Communist Party.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
sical Communist created and controlled front organization."
California Committee on Un-American Activities

13) Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder
Cited as a Communist organization.
Attorney General Francis Biddle
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
14) Civil Rights Congress
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front organization, "dedicated not to
the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the de-
fense of individual Communists and the Communist Party" and
"controlled by individuals who are either members of the Com-
munist Party or openly loyal to it."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"A Communist-dominated organization."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
15) Committee on Militarism in Education
Cooperated with Socialist and Communist groups in waging
relentless campaign against R.O.T.C. and military training in
schools and colleges. Received \$12,400 from the red Garland
Fund to propagandize against military training in schools.
Opposed National Defense work of the American Legion, Vet-
erans of Foreign Wars, Reserve Officers Association, etc.
16) Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America
A conference as a result of which was established the National
Federation for Constitutional Liberties, "part of what Lenin
called the solar system of organizations ostensibly having no
connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists
attempt to create sympathizers and supporters for their pro-
gram."
Attorney General Francis Biddle
"An important part of the solar system of the Communist
Party's front organizations."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
A "Communist-inspired conference" which launched the Na-
tional Federation for Constitutional Liberties during the Stalin-
Hitler pact.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
17) Consumers' National Federation
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Created by the Communist Party and used for the purpose of
spreading propaganda in schools and through women's clubs."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
18) Consumers Union
Cited as a Communist front "headed by the Communist Arthur
Kallet (whose party name is Edward Adams), Ben Gold and
Louis Weinstock, both well-known Communists, were also
members of the labor advisory committee of Consumers Union."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as "subversive and un-American."
Special Sub-Comm. of House Comm. on Appropriations.
19) Coordinating Committee to Lift the (Spanish) Embargo
Cited as one of a number of front organizations, set up during
the Spanish Civil War by the Communist party and through
which the party carried on a great deal of agitation.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
20) Conference on Pan-American Democracy
(Known also as Council for Pan-American Democracy)
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
21) Council on African Affairs
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"A Communist front organization. Has received funds from
American People's fund, a Communist financial organization."
California Committee on Un-American Activities

22) Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace (the
Waldorf Conference, sponsored by the National Council of
the Arts, Sciences and Professions)
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"A sounding board for Communist propaganda."
Secretary of State Dean Acheson
23) Emergency Peace Mobilization
"A Communist front which came forth, after Stalin signed his
pact with Hitler, to oppose the national defense program."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Among the more conspicuous Communist fronts that have
defied brazenly the interests of the United States and other
freedom-loving nations whenever they have been in conflict
with the interests of Soviet Russia and world Communism."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
24) Fellowship of Reconciliation
Radical-pacifist group using Christian terms to spread com-
munist propaganda. Circulated petitions for and played a lead-
ing role in bringing about the recognition of Russia in 1933.
Is a section of the ultra-radical War Resisters International
which, according to its literature, "believes a new social order
can be and will be established. . . it believes these changes
can be accomplished by revolutionary uprisings. . . . Is a
branch of International Fellowship of Reconciliation, which
says "we must work for a radical reorganization of society" and
insists that "the class war is a fact."
25) Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade
"In 1937-38, the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly
into the campaign for the support of the Spanish Loyalist
cause, recruiting men and organizing multifarious so-called
relief organizations. Among these was the above Communist-
front organization."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
26) Greater New York Emergency Conf. on Inalienable Rights
Cited as a Communist front, one of a "maze of organizations
spawned for the alleged purpose of defending civil liberties in
general, but actually intended to protect Communist subver-
sion from any penalties under the law."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
27) Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
A "Communist-front organization."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front. "The sponsors and officers . . .
with few exceptions are admitted Communists and fellow
travelers. The policy is in concert with the foreign policy of
the Soviet Union."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
28) League for Industrial Democracy
"Founded as a militant socialist organization and subsidized by
the Communist-directed Garland Fund, the League for Indus-
trial Democracy propagandizes particularly among college and
seminary students. Its publications have largely been written
by members of the Communist Party and its supporters. Their
objects of attack have been those pursued by the Young Com-
munist League and kindred organizations—against military
training in schools and against the evils of the capitalist system.
The achievements of the workers' government in Soviet Russia
are painted in gilded eulogy, and similar socialism is advocated
for the United States."
Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities
29) League of American Writers
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"The most naive spectator and quarter-witted participant of
this first Writers' Congress (at which the League of American
Writers was formed) could not have been deceived as to its
Communist revolutionary character."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
"In the Daily Worker of April 20, 1935, it is stated that another
organization was set up to be known as the League of Ameri-
can Writers, membership limited to revolutionary writers."
Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities

30) Methodist Federation for Social Action
(Formerly, Methodist Federation for Social Service)
"A tool of the Communist Party. It is trying to use the prestige
of the Methodist Church to promote the line of the Communist
Party."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Among the more conspicuous fronts for Communist activity in
the field of relief, assistance, and welfare work. * * * A statement
in their Social Service Bulletin No. 8, 1932 admits cooperation
with the Communists."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
31) Michigan Civil Rights Federation
Cited as a subversive and Communist organization which has
been succeeded by and now operates as the Michigan Chapter
of the Civil Rights Congress.
Attorney General Tom Clark
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
32) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for
all things Russian has been known as the National Council for
American-Soviet Friendship."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"Is a direct agent of the Soviet Union, engaged in traitorous
activities under the orders of Stalin's consular service in the
United States."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
33) National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front organization defending Commu-
nists. "It was filled from top to bottom with veteran Com-
munist Party liners."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
34) National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"Part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations,
ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by
which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and sup-
porters of their program. The defense of Communist leaders
have been major efforts of the federation."
Attorney General Francis Biddle
"There can be no reasonable doubt about the fact that the
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties—regardless of
its high-sounding name—is one of the viciously subversive or-
ganizations of the Communist Party."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
"One of the most important Communist-front organizations."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
35) National Negro Congress
Cited as subversive and Communist.
Attorney General Tom Clark
"The Communist-front movement in the United States among
Negroes is known as the National Negro Congress. * * * The
officers of the National Negro Congress are outspoken Commu-
nist sympathizers, and a majority of those on the executive
board are outright Communists."
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
A "Communist-dominated mass organization."
California Committee on Un-American Activities
36) National Religion and Labor Foundation
Set up by radicals, in 1932, to propagandize "the new social
order;" to give active cooperation to strikers, at the same time
seeking the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system.
Its directing personnel and National Committee were composed
almost exclusively of Socialists and Communists. Writing in its
official organ, one of its officers says: "It is no longer a question
of the need of revolution; the question is as to the method of
bringing the revolution to pass." It has published blasphemous
and atheistic literature.
37) North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy
Cited as a Communist front.
Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities
Cited as a Communist front.
California Committee on Un-American Activities
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motors of the new National Council of Churches, and one of the board members.⁵ However, Circuit Riders, Inc., lists Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as having been associated with 43 organizations, petitions or campaigns which served the cause of Communism, according to public records.⁴

Another prominent figure in the NCC is its immediate past president, Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg. Mr. Dahlberg, according to Fulton Lewis, Jr., was affiliated, as early as 1942, with the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, an organization cited on the Attorney General's list as Communist and subversive.⁶

HUMAN EVENTS Newsletter of Dec. 14, 1957, quotes material from the files of NATIONAL REPUBLIC Magazine listing 11 organizations and activities serving the cause of Communism in which Mr. Dahlberg participated. Of these, 3 of the 11 have been officially cited as Communist fronts.

On the floor of the House, Mar. 3, 1960, former Congressman Donald L. Jackson of California read portions of the Air Force Training Manual dealing with the subject "Communism in Religion," in which it was stated:

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications. In its own brochure, the National Council of Churches listed the names of the Revision Committee and the Advisory Board. Among these were Walter Russell Bowie of Grace Church, New York; Henry J. Cadbury of Harvard University; George Dahl of Yale University; . . . and Leroy Waterman of the University of Michigan.

On Feb. 25, 1960, Richard Arens, Staff Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, inserted into the record of the hearings, the number of affiliations with Communist fronts and causes of the four NCC leaders named above: Walter Russell Bowie - 33, Henry J. Cadbury - 9, George Dahl - 18, and Leroy Waterman - 20.

N.C.C. UNDER ATTACK BY MEMBER CHURCHES

The National Council of Churches, which for many years had been considered above criticism, now finds itself faced with an increasing number of critical resolutions or actual resignations by member churches.

In February, 1960, according to the DAN SMOOT REPORT, the Special Study Committee of the First Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas (one of the largest in the American Baptist Convention, which is a member of the NCC),

recommended that the First Baptist Church withdraw financial support from the American Baptist Convention because of its affiliation with the National Council of Churches. The Committee's report expressed concern about the alleged Communist-front activities of various officials in the NCC. It specifically criticized the National Council for advocating American diplomatic recognition of Red China.

In February, 1961, Rev. Curtis M. Nims resigned from the board of directors of the Regional Council (of the NCC) for Northern California and Nevada. Dr. Nims stated that he resigned because of the National Council of Churches' criticism of the anti-Communist film, entitled "Operation Abolition", of the 1960 San Francisco student riots. (Dr. Nims was an eye-witness to the Communist-inspired student riots). Also Dr. Nims' church, the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, severed all connection with the NCC.⁷

On April 23, 1961, the Vestry of St. Marks Episcopal Church in Shreveport, La., passed a resolution calling for the withdrawal of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States from the National Council of Churches of Christ. In its report, the Vestry Committee stated:

The NCC has far exceeded its rightful role in speaking out as the official voice of Protestantism in America on such controversial issues as Federal Aid to Education, the Right-to-Work laws, the ethical considerations of the steel dispute, the seating of Red China in the United Nations, etc. The NCC, although not Communist, has been an aid to the Communist conspiracy . . . We conclude with firm conviction, and only after long study and prayer, that the National Council of Churches as it is presently constituted and operated, is a harmful and highly dangerous institution.

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1. Peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union.
2. Disarmament.
3. Ban nuclear testing.
4. Abolish loyalty oaths.
5. Abolish all investigative committees on Communism.
6. Recognition of Red China.
7. U. S. Foreign Aid to Communist satellite nations.
8. Destroy American patriotism.

National Council of Churches spokesmen claim to represent 39 million Protestants. Is your church a member of the NCC? Does the NCC speak for you when they issue public statements endorsing Socialist-Communist objectives and support "soft-on-Communism" legislation?

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If your church is not a member of the NCC, buy copies of this pamphlet and distribute to friends whose churches belong to the NCC. Every citizen of the United States, regardless of religious affiliation, will be directly affected if the above Communist goals are achieved!

If your church is a member of the NCC, buy and distribute copies of this pamphlet to all of your lay officials and members of the congregation. Suggest that a fact-finding committee be appointed, made up of leading members of your local church to examine the "soft-on-Communism" pronouncements of the NCC. Help to inform members of other churches within the NCC.

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ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM IS SUBVERTING THE CHURCHES

It is ghastly to see the monster atheism being nourished in the churches which it seeks to destroy. Many Communist fronts have operated under the guise of some church commission or religious body.

— J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

In his book, "Masters of Deceit," FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover stated: "A dedicated clergyman, being a man of God, is a mortal enemy of Communism. But if he can, by conversion, influence, or trickery, be made to support the Communist program once, or a few times, or many times, the Party gains. If, for example, a clergyman can be persuaded to serve as sponsor or officer of a Communist front, to issue a testimonial, or to sign a clemency petition for a Communist 'victim of persecution,' his personal prestige lends weight to the cause. The church, in Communist eyes, is an 'enemy institution' to be infiltrated, subverted, and bent to serve Party aims."

HOW MANY RED SYMPATHIZERS IN THE CHURCHES?

According to J. B. Matthews, former Chief Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Gallup Poll in 1951 made a nationwide canvass of the radical views of clergymen. According to this Gallup Poll, 88% of the clergy expressed the view that "it is impossible to be a good Christian and a member of the Communist Party."

Dr. Matthews then asked the question: "What about the 12%, or 30,000, of the Protestant clergy who were either unable, or refused to affirm the complete irreconcilability of Christianity on the one hand, and the Communist conspiracy on the other hand?"

And Dr. Matthews continued: "I confess that I find something alarming in the situation that finds 30,000 confused Protestant clergymen ministering to the minds and morals of the more than 6½ million members of their congregations."

In July, 1953, testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Manning Johnson, a former member of the Communist Party, stated:

It is an axiom in Communist organization strategy that if an infiltrated body has 1% Communist Party members and 9% Communist Party sympathizers, with well-rehearsed plans of action, they can effectively

control the remaining 90% who act and think on an individual basis. In the large sections of the religious field, due to the ideological poison which has been filtered in by Communists and pro-Communists through seminaries, the backlog of sympathizers and mental prisoners of socialistic ideology is greater than the 10 percent necessary for effective control.¹

COMMUNIST CLERGYMEN

During the hearings conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in July, 1953, Joseph Zack Kornfeder, an ex-Communist, gave valuable information to the committee exposing Communist infiltration in the churches. Mr. Kornfeder estimated that there are up to 600 members of the Communist Party among the clergy in America. Mr. Kornfeder then testified that the Communist Party utilizes four means of infiltrating the field of religion:

- (1) The planting of Communists among the clergy. . . . ;
- (2) The channeling of Communist clergymen into seminaries where they can train future clergymen who will preach to multiplied thousands;
- (3) The reinterpreting of the Bible in such a way as to support the materialist philosophy of Communism. . . ; and
- (4) The organizing of "social action" groups of socialist-minded clergymen, who then lead segments of congregations into such political activity as will serve the ultimate purposes of the Communist Party.¹

In 1960, Matt Cvetic stated: "Many American clergymen and church laymen are not aware that the Reds have a well worked-out plan for the infiltration of our churches and church organizations. This infiltration is planned by a secret group of high-level Red agents, labeled the 'Clergical Commission of the Communist Party.' This Red 'commission' is composed of Soviet agents and American Reds, posing as ministers, preachers and priests, who have fallen away from the church and joined the Communist Party. How do I know about the existence of this Red 'Clergical Commission'? I have reason to know only too well — because in 1945, while posing as a Communist for the FBI, I was a member of this Red Commission."

WHY ARE THE REDS AFTER OUR CHURCHES?

The churches of America have, in the past, formed an invulnerable bastion of morality, opposing atheism and all evil. As such, they were able to imbue moral courage and integrity in the citizens of this nation.

In this connection, Joseph Zack Kornfeder, former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States stated in 1952:

When the Communists invade religion, they invade, as Stalin once said, "the ideological fortress of the enemy." If they should succeed with their deceptive methods to confuse religion to such an extent that it, too, will be neutral in the fight between Capitalism and Communism, they will have scored a tremendous victory. Only two years ago, a great international association of churches adopted a resolution declaring the churches to be neutral in the struggle between Capitalism and Communism. If religion, as the very foundation of civilization, is made impotent to the extent that the church declares itself neutral in this, the biggest, most important struggle of our century, then indeed there is much to worry about.

THE STRANGE RECORD OF THE N.C.C.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (referred to hereinafter as the NCC) was organized in 1950 as a merger of the old Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and seven smaller religious organizations.

The DAN SMOOT REPORT of Feb. 29, 1960, in discussing the formation of the National Council of Churches in 1950, states: "The old Federal Council leaders became the leaders of the National Council. Indeed, the Federal Council Bulletin for Dec., 1950, officially announced that 'all the work of the Federal Council will continue under the new auspices.'"

And what is the background of the old Federal Council of Churches, which has now assumed the new name of "National Council of Churches"? The Office of Naval Intelligence of the United States Navy Department, in a report which was read into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Sept. 10, 1935, stated:

Organizations which, while not openly advocating the "force and violence" principles of the Communists, give aid and comfort to the Communist movement and party. Among the strongest of these organizations is the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. This is a large radical pacifist organization. It probably represents 20 million Protestants (as of 1961, 39 million) in the United States. However its leadership consists of a small, radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matter against national defense.²

Dr. J. B. Matthews, a leading authority on Communist infiltration of religion, has stated that when the Federal Council of Churches became the National Council of Churches on Nov. 29, 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio, "there were 358 clergymen who were voting delegates to the constituting convention. Of these clergymen, 123 (or 34%) have had affiliations with Communist projects and enterprises."³

DUPES OF THE REDS

A pamphlet entitled "The Communist Party of the United States of America — What It Is and How It Works," published by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956, states:

A fellow traveler may be defined as an individual who, from time to time supports one or more organizations or campaigns operating under the indirect, and usually unpublicized initiative and control of the Communist Party, or its representatives.

Circuit Riders, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, has published a compilation of public records listing the names of 2,109 Methodist ministers, 1,411 Protestant Episcopal rectors, and 614 Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., clergymen who have at one time or another been associated with activities which have benefited the Communists, or supported causes actively advocated by the Communists. The three church denominations mentioned above are among the 34 member organizations of the NCC.⁴

HOW MANY RED-FRONTIERS IN THE N.C.C.?

One of the most salutary effects of the uproar in 1960 over the Air Force Training Manual which included a section dealing with Communism in religion was that it enabled the House Committee on Un-American Activities to again conduct hearings regarding the extent of Communist infiltration in the field of religion. On Feb. 25, 1960, Richard Arens, Staff Director of the HCUA, during questioning of Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp, stated:

... the chairman (of the HCUA) issued a statement that the... National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America (the NCC) had... over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds, as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there was infiltration of fellow travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement.

One of the leading figures in the Federal Council of Churches, which became, in 1950, the National Council of Churches, was Dr. Harry F. Ward. The House Committee on Un-American Activities has identified Dr. Harry F. Ward as a member of the Communist Party. This identification was established on the basis of sworn testimony of numerous witnesses during the 1953 hearings.⁵

Space does not permit any lengthy discussion of the record of Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, a member of the board of the Federal Council, one of the most active pro-

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a leaflet ^{*}"How Red is the National Council of Churches" published by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin, and copyrighted 1949 and 1959. On page five, is a box with a quotation from you.

Also enclosed is a leaflet ^y"Communist Infiltration in Religion" published by "The Independent American", New Orleans, LA and copyrighted 1961. On page two, is a box with a quotation from you.

In the latter leaflet following the box quotation is a quote from your book "Masters of Deceit" which I presume is also copyrighted.

Have you authorized these quotations for use in these leaflets? If so, why?

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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*Communist Infiltration
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you for your answer to my letter of May 22 concerning Mr. Cassels UPI press release "Reds Fail To Infiltrate Churches, But Relish Charges of Success." Also for the enclosure of Mr. Sullivan's speech of "Communism and Religion."

I realize that there are only a relatively few Communists in the churches and as much damage can be done by pinning the term Communists on any one who disagrees with our line of thought. The thing that is so depressing is that so many of our recognized clergymen are advocating the same thing as communist philosophy. They (the Communists) teach that man has no soul, no life hereafter, no heaven to gain or hell to shun. No Sovereign Being in the Universe. Man is reduced to nothing more than an animal. Many of our clergymen are teaching basically the same when Dr. Nels F.S. Ferre' can make such blasphemous statements in one of his books "The Sun and The Umbrella", that man has been erecting umbrellas over his head down through the years to hide the true SUN and these umbrellas are the Bible, the Virgin Birth, the Diety of Christ, the Blood Atonement, the Resurrection, and the Second coming of Christ, and that we had better get rid of all these Umbrellas and get out in the Sun.

Then in another of his books, "Christion Understanding of God," that Jesus Christ COULD have been the illegitimate son of a blond German soldier stationed in a Roman garrison near Nazareth. Whereas according to John 14:6 Christ said, "I AM the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father (God), but by me."

This is only one example but every one of these statements is an attempt to undermine our Christian faith. I don't believe this man to be a Communist but look how close his philosophy corresponds with the Communists.

Again, I wish to thank you for your answer and a copy of Mr. Sullivan's speech.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 8, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

In connection with the quotations to which you referred, you may wish to know that I was not contacted concerning their use; however, authorization was not necessary since they are a matter of public record and are correctly documented. Certainly, the use of these excerpts should not be construed as my having endorsed or approved the pamphlets you sent me.

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It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism. I am enclosing some material you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The pamphlet, " Communist Infiltration in Religion, " is a publication disseminated by "The Independent American" New Orleans, Louisiana, whose publisher, Kent Courtney, has in the past advocated the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren. His paper indicates he is a rabble rouser and a hate monger, and we have refused to furnish publications disseminated by this Bureau to him. Neither Courtney nor his publication has been investigated by the FBI. The American Council of Christian Laymen has published a brochure "How Red is the Federal Council of Christian Churches?" which contained a statement by the Director used out of context, to infer that certain individuals affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches were subversive. Considerable controversy among Christian laymen resulted following release of this publication. (62-100432) The quotations contained in the pamphlet, "Communist Infiltration in Religion,-- Does the National Council of Churches speak for you?" were taken from "God or Chaos" an article by the Director in the February, 1949, issue of "Redbook" magazine. The other quotations were taken from "Masters of Deceit," page 326. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

Letters To Editor

Hoover Rejects Charges

Dear Editor:

The following article from the New York World Telegram and Sun, reprinted in the Inter-church News, is quoted herewith as an item of interest to the readers of this area:

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches — sometimes openly, sometimes subtly — in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba. In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Undoubtedly they have tried in the past to infiltrate churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to leadership, particularly in the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. It is difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U. S. church life.

Discredit Leadership

Although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

Charge Is "Falsehood"

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demonizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

Rev. Fletcher B. Thompson

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 Alamogordo, New Mexico
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Department of Justice
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached "Letter to the Editor" which appeared in the Alamogordo Daily News recently by our local Presbyterian Minister was shocking to many in our Community. Therefore, I am sending the letter to you hoping that there is something which your Department can/will do to enlighten

[Redacted] Is it not true Communism has infiltrated Churches?

[Redacted] ^{N. Mex.} is very influential, of the best of character, and very cooperative in helping and/or working with young people, and their organizations, i.e. Girl Scouts, etc. For this reason, I feel that he needs guidance; but I know that this guidance will be much more effective coming directly from your office (if at all possible) As he is more likely to read that which he can be SURE is authentic, documentary, authoritative, and undisputable, - much more so that if he were of the impression that the literature is of miscellaneous origin "pushed" on him by some "radical".

However, should you wish, you may use my name as the person requesting your office furnish any literature which you might send him.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 12, 1961, and the concern prompting your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, it is a pleasure to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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Letter to [REDACTED]

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Director's Statement re Internal Security 4-17-61
Communism And Religion (By William C. Sullivan)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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Bufiles reflect that [REDACTED] reportedly is an ordained Methodist minister who graduated from Columbia University and the Union Theological Seminary. He is the author of "Apostles of Discord" which was described in the Washington Star as a documentation of individuals who "use religion to spread hate, strife and discord." He was one of several in an Interfaith Group of Freedom Riders who were arrested at Tallahassee, Florida on 6-16-61.

The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Religion

I have read with interest your book, "Masters of Deceit", and particularly that portion pertaining to Communist attempts to infiltrate churches.

As an Episcopalian, I was concerned about the statement made to the House Committee on Un-American Activities by its Staff Director that the Rev. Walter Russell Bowie was a member of many subversive organizations.

Since Dr. Bowie has had great influence in my church for years, I wrote and asked him if this statement were true.

Dr. Bowie's rather wordy reply, while not specifically giving an affirmative answer, indicated such an answer by listing a number of reasons why such a great patriot and humanitarian as Dr. Bowie considers himself could safely belong to such organizations.

I know of the activities of the National Council of Churches, and of its many pronouncements which almost word for word follow the ideas of the Communist movement.

It was with some surprise, then, to read the article written by Louis Cassels, and printed in the July issue of our church affiliated magazine, The Episcopalian. You, your Chief Inspector, and the FBI were extensively quoted.

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This article appears to give the idea that Chief Inspector Sullivan feels that the people who oppose Communist attempts to infiltrate churches might accomplish the very weakening and demoralization of the churches that the Communists desire.

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The article states that, while not commenting on the specific figures, the FBI strongly agrees with the statement of [redacted] that Communists or fellow travelers among American clergy today probably do not total more than twenty-five persons, or approximately .007 of 1%.

Your position as indicated in this article has been used to give backing to this quotation from our local church publication: "Since its inception in 1950, the National Council (of Churches of Christ) has never had a communist party member or sympathizer among its officers or staff, or its executives." Is your position one which would add authority to this statement?

While agreeing with the idea that Communists have not obtained control of Protestant churches, I still am of the opinion that we should oppose any such Communist attempts. This article appears to indicate that you and your Chief Inspector believe such activity would be wrong. This cannot be true. Either Mr. Cassels has misinterpreted your position, or I have misinterpreted Mr. Cassels' statement of it.

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Since I know of one Protestant minister which I would classify as a fellow traveler, there must be more than twenty-four others which I do not personally know. It cannot be true that you "strongly agree" with [redacted] basic conviction, which contains the statement given above.

Knowing that you are America's leader in our internal opposition to Communism, and appreciating so much the effective and successful leadership you have given us in all your years of public service, I know you will correctly state the position Americans must adopt. The interpretation of your position I have received from Mr. Cassels' article leave me somewhat confused. I would appreciate any clarification you can give.

Sincerely yours,

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Alamogordo, New Mexico

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 11, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

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Communism And Religion

Communist Illusion And Democratic Reality

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"

4-17-61 Statement Re Internal Security

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FBI Head Says Communist Charges Are Unfounded

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, condemning "unfounded" charges of Communist infiltration of churches, asserted that the "overwhelming majority of our clergymen are today wholly loyal to our nation and are working valiantly to protect our freedoms."

He stressed that this is not the time "for name-calling, for unfounded accusations or publicity seeking charges designed to confuse, divide and weaken."

He said clergymen in this country "need the full support of patriotic Americans in our common struggle" against Communism.

Observing that America's clergy "are today doing a magnificent job," Mr. Hoover said that they are "helping to preserve the dignity of a man as the image of God, and to mold the individual to be a worthy citizen in a democracy."

Because Communists know that churches "stand as powerful obstacles in their path to revolution," the director said, the Reds

are constantly engaging in "violent attacks against religion, against the church and against clergymen."

"As long as men have faith in God," he continued, "a faith which reaches into the Eternal, they can never completely subjugate that individual to the dictates of the Party."

"If we have men and women," he said, "articulate in their Christian heritage, they can meet and overcome the temptations of the Communist challenge. We need to raise the spiritual level of our people, to give them the knowledge, inspiration and guidance to stand on their own feet, to appreciate the full grandeur and majesty of our religious heritage."

"Hence, the great challenge which faces ministers of the Gospel. In reality, they stand on the front line today in the fight against Communism. The type of men and women we produce in America today, in large measure, is their responsibility. They have the duty of guiding young lives, helping produce alert, aggressive, meaningful citizens."

"Nothing today can be more important than our Sunday schools youth training programs, church camps and study groups. These are truly arsenals of democracy."

Mr. Hoover noted that, "over the years, as could be expected,

churches and religious organizations have been — and will so remain — targets for Communist infiltration. In the past, some clergymen, unfortunately, have been drawn into the Communist movement."

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Episcopal Young Churchmen's Convocation to be held at Ann Arbor in Aug.

Two young people from the Diocese and an Oklahoma City priest will represent Oklahoma at the Episcopal Young Churchmen's Convocation which meets in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in mid-August.

Going from Oklahoma will be the Reverend Courtland M. Moore, Chairman of the Division of Youth, and Misses Pat Reinbold of St. David's, Oklahoma City, and Ruth Eppard of All Saints', Duncan.

Highlighting this year's session of the Triennial meeting is the fact that it is being held within the North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly.

Meeting at the same time in Ann Arbor will be the National Youth Assemblies of the major Protestant denominations, and the Episcopal Young People will have opportunity to meet with the entire group for several sessions. There will also be two days of joint meetings with the Youth of the Anglican Church in

occupies the former buildings of All Souls' Church, which were given to St. David's and moved to the present site on North Meridian Avenue.

St. David's Parish has a history of fast growth. It became a parish in 1959, and now has close to three-hundred communicants.

The Reverend Courtland M. Moore has been priest-in-charge, since 1955.

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Outstanding leaders have been arranged for the Convocation, including the Most Reverend Howard Hewlett Clark, Primate of All Canada; the Very Reverend John B. Coburn, dean of Episcopal Theological Seminary; the Reverend Canon Edward H. Patey, Canon Residentiary of Coventry Cathedral and chairman of the 1960 European Ecumenical Youth Assembly; the Reverend Harold Wilson of the Church of England Board of Education; the Reverend Samuel B. Wylie, rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston; and, the Reverend Roderick S. French, director of the World Council of Churches Youth Department.

Word has also been received that this Diocese shall have representation at the Youth Weekend at General Convention, meeting in Detroit in September. A group of young people, headed by Jack Camden of St. John's, Tulsa, and president of the Episcopal Youth of Oklahoma, plan to make the trip to Detroit. This meeting is open to all young churchmen but there are no funds available. Anyone wishing to go must provide his own way. Information has been sent to the clergy of the Diocese for distribution to any interested young people.

a Diocesan Conference Center enough to pray and work, and give to make it something more than a half-formulated dream?

(A third and concluding article by Mr. Allen will focus attention on other aspects of the proposed Conference Center and discuss why it can be one of the most outstanding in the entire Seventh Province.)



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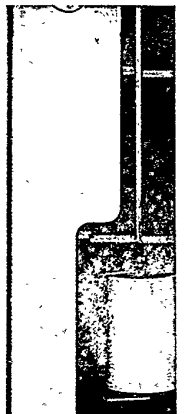
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What About Communism in Our Churches

By Louis Cassels

EDITOR'S NOTE—

The following article is taken from the July Issue of the "Episcopalian" and is being reprinted in the "Oklahoma Churchman" at the request of The Rt. Rev. Chilton Powell, Bishop of Oklahoma.

Two Episcopal laymen were having a troubled conversation at the headquarters of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. One of them was a newspaperman. The other was a high official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I think," said the reporter, "that this thing is getting serious."

"So do I," said the FBI man.

He paused and stared out of his office window at the throngs of springtime tourists on sun-bathed Pennsylvania Avenue.

"It would certainly be ironic," he said, "if a job which the Communists couldn't do for themselves should be done for them by the very people who profess to be their worst enemies."

The two men were talking about a campaign which threatens to weaken and demoralize America's churches by planting in the

to lending their names to Communist-front projects.

Dr. Ralph Lord Roy, a Methodist minister, has been conducting a study for the past six years, under a grant from the Fund for the Republic, to determine what success the Communists have had in this direction. His extensively documented research is reported in a book, *Communism and the Churches*, recently published by Harcourt, Brace.

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FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan warns Americans against being duped. He describes as "patent falsehood" allegations that the Protestant denominations, in particular, have been infiltrated, and adds:

"There can be no question as to the loyalty of the overwhelm- ing majority of the American cler- gy in the nation and the fact that they have been the most con- sistent and vigorous opponents of communism."

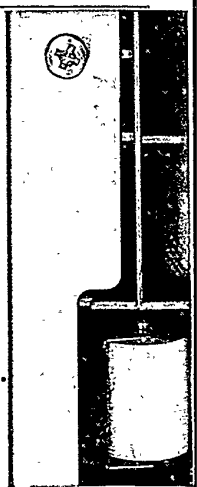
Dr. Ralph Lord Roy estimates that only about 5,000 or one per cent of 500,000 United States clergymen have been affiliated, in any way whatever, with any communist groups since 1930. Dr. Roy, a Methodist minister has been making a six-year study on communism in the churches fi- nanced by the Fund for the Re- public.

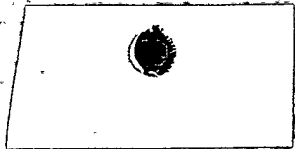
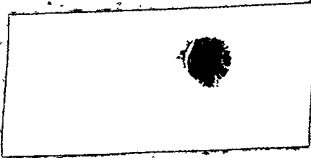
The Right Reverend William Crittendon, Episcopal Bishop of Erie, Pennsylvania, recently warned church members to be on guard against unwarranted attacks on Christian clergymen of unques- tioned repute, including Episcopal- ians, on the social action pro- gram of the churches, and on the National Council of Churches.

"Let us fight communism to the utmost," Bishop Crittendon said in a letter to clergy of his diocese, "but let us do it by try- ing to correct the injustices upon which communism feeds, not by unfounded accusations nor by twisting the truth to accommodate our point of view."

At least a dozen other Episco- pal bishops have commented simi- larly in the past few months, ac- cording to the church's national monthly magazine.

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Dear [Redacted]

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I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, together with some other literature pertaining to this general subject which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

Series from Christianity Today

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Tulsa 14, Oklahoma
August 13, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 2/27/01 BY 39165 ELM/JAA/LB

Dear Mr. Hoover :

Before broaching the subject of this letter, I want to convey the most sincere appreciation of my family for the FBI's dedicated role in safeguarding the nation's freedom. We often think of the FBI, not impersonally as an organization, but rather as the nation's finest men and women who efficiently guard our nation. You, Mr. Hoover, personify the finest of this organization of the nation's finest.

My question concerns the attached articles taken from the July and August 1961 Oklahoma Churchman, an official publication of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. The general tone of the articles are contrary to your views where you stress the continuous efforts of the communists to infiltrate the churches.

I too agree that unfounded charges of communism against the clergy are irresponsible and please the communists, but it is something else entirely to try to go from there to the philosophy that any mention of communism in the churches is wrong, irresponsible and aiding the communist cause.

The repeated activities of many prominent clergymen within their own churches and within the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. can only stem from either direct or indirect and conscious or unconscious control of the activities of these individuals by the communists. One cannot be always on the left of questions, always espouse communists causes, and always unfavorably compare the United States with the Soviet Union by sheer coincidence. Organized planning is more nearly the answer, in my opinion.

May I, therefore, receive any information, comments, and opinions you may care to give on the above. Are all people who believe that certain actions indicate communist influence in the churches irresponsible and helping the communist cause?

Sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

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Communism In Our Churches?

By LOUIS CASSELS

Editor's note: The Review is of the opinion this article taken from the News Letter of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has merit at this time and should be of considerable interest to readers. The article first appeared in the Episcopalian.

Communism believes that all evil is rooted in a system, not in man. Thus it must dedicate every effort to overthrowing that system by causing industrial warfare and strife. Over its ruins will be built the perfect communist state, which can do no evil. From then on, life will be ideal.

Christianity continually reminds us that the root of evil lies in the heart of man, and that until man is changed, any system will lead to evils, exploitation, and oppression.

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Two Episcopal laymen were having a troubled conversation at the headquarters of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. One of them was a newspaperman. The other was a high official of the Federal Bureau of Inves-

igation. "I think," said the reporter, "that this thing is getting serious."

"So do I," said the F.B.I. man.

He paused and stared out of his office window at the throngs of springtime tourists on sun-bathed Pennsylvania Avenue.

"It would certainly be ironic," he said, "if a job which the Communists couldn't do for themselves should be done for them by the very people who profess to be their worst enemies."

The two men were talking about a campaign which threatens to weaken and demoralize America's churches by planting in the public mind the suspicion that they are overrun by Reds.

This campaign is not being conducted by Communists. It is being carried on by men and organizations which claim to be militantly anti-Communist. But the FBI has evidence that the Communists are as delighted with the results as if they had planned the whole operation themselves.

Sapping the vitality of Christian churches has always been a major Communist objective. In every country where the Communists have gained power, from Russia to Cuba, the objective is being pursued openly, with acts of persecution and harassment against churches.

In free nations like the United States of America, Communists cannot attack Christianity directly. But they are

constantly alert for opportunities to disrupt churches by more devious methods.

One obvious method is to infiltrate the churches by having disguised communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy. The Communists undoubtedly have tried to do this. But they have found that is much easier said than done. Communism and Christianity are diametrically opposed in their basic belief about God and man. As a practical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U.S. church life.

In a recent letter to the clergymen of his diocese, Episcopal Bishop William Crittenden of Erie said church members must learn to "be on guard" against "unwarranted attacks on Christian clergymen of unquestioned repute, including Episcopalian; on the social action program of the churches, and on the National Council of Churches."

"Let us fight communism to the utmost," said the Bishop, "but let us do it by trying to correct the injustices upon which communism feeds, not by unfounded accusations nor by twisting the truth to accommodate our point of view."

This plea for sanity won't endear Bishop Crittenden to the Communists. Nor do the Communists appreciate any one of a dozen or more other Episcopal Bishops who have commented similarly on this

specific problem in the past few months. In fact, the Communists may learn to dislike these courageous bishops almost as much as they dislike Chief Inspector Sullivan of the FBI and his colleagues.

Are there really communists in our churches? Perhaps a better question to ask ourselves is: Who are the people who are really helping the Communists today?

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Aug 17, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Communist Infiltration into Religion

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Pages A640-A641. Congressman Schwengel, (R) Iowa, extended his remarks concerning the allegations of the Communist infiltration of churches. He included an editorial from the Des Moines (Iowa) Register of August 11, 1961, entitled "Gods in the Churches: Fact or Fancy?" Mr. Schwengel pointed out that "The editorial was based on a report, 'Communism and the Churches,' which was financed by a grant from the Fund for the Republic. The report stated: 'The number of clergymen who have been Communists, or parasitic--and identifiable--fellow travelers, has been static, in spite of continual efforts to involve clergymen in the Communist apparatus.' The editorial stated 'In recent weeks, FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan has delivered speeches in many parts of the Nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are infested with hidden Reds.'

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Aug 16, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Dear Editor:

Your article "Communism in Our Churches?" was certainly very timely.

However, certain authorities on the subjects such as W. Cleon Skousen (A Mormon), Matt Cvetic (a Catholic), and Herb Philbrick (a protestant), the last two gentlemen having been Communists for the F. B. I., would certainly disagree that it is "enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian."

Also, I disagree that there is "...a campaign which threatens to weaken and demoralize America's churches by planting in the public mind the suspicion that they are overrun by Reds." On the contrary, I believe the churches are stronger than ever and are getting stronger. If those hypothetical gentlemen who were talking meant by these words that perhaps the "National Council of Churches" is being weakened, then I agree.

"During May of 1953, [redacted] of All Saint's Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland, warned that the Communists have operated in the nation's theological schools for 30 years." (The above quote is from Billy James Hargis' "Communist America, Must It Be?") Earl Browder told his comrades in 1931, "The churches are effective propaganda agencies for they reached a membership of 50 million persons in 1930." While Earl Browder was still head of the Communist Party in America, he spoke before the students of Union Theological Seminary and said, "You may be interested in knowing that we have preachers, preachers active in churches, who are members of the Communist Party."

May I quote Herb Philbrick? In the Christian Herald, he said, "...I know that the Communist threat to your churches is greater now than at any time in 20 years. I know how the Reds have planted secret Communists in pulpits, how they have infiltrated seminaries, how they use good and unsuspecting Protestants, Catholics, and Jews they have duped...Communism in American churches has gone shockingly far...nowhere have I seen such cynical glee as I saw again and again on the faces of the comrades when some well-meaning but woefully misguided church leader was hooked on the Communist line."

In conclusion, from J. Edgar Hoover's "Master's of Deceit" - "The Party's objectives inside religious groups are several:

1. To gain 'respectability'. ("...a church is the best front we can have.")
2. To provide an opportunity for the subtle dissemination of Communist propaganda.
3. To make contact with youth.

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4. To exploit the church in the Party's day-to-day agitational program.
5. To enlarge the area of Party contacts.
6. To influence clergymen."

Sincerely,

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P.S. While I realize that this is rather lengthy, the subject is one that cannot be dismissed with just a few words. I pray that you will find room to print it. Thank you.

[Redacted closing line]

The Florida Times

JACKSONVILLE, THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1961

PASTOR SPEAKS OUT

Clergy Red Tie Charge Assailed

By JAMES M. CALLOWAY, Times-Union Staff Writer

The executive secretary of the Florida Council of Churches yesterday branded as pure nonsense accusations and implications that the clergy of many Protestant denominations are Red sympathizers or are affiliated with the Communist party.

Rev. Jack A. Davis, in a talk to the Exchange Club of Jacksonville in the George Washington Hotel, said many ministers do have peculiar views, and even views that are highly socialistic.

"This does not mean they hold these views because of the dictates of Moscow or that they get them from Karl Marx," Davis said. "They might have come from the New Testament—a document considered by some to be extremely socialistic."



Rev. Jack A. Davis

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Davis, a Methodist minister and a member of the Florida Methodist Conference for 23 years, cited an April statement by William C. Sullivan, chief inspector for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FBI Discounts Charges

Sullivan was sent by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by Reds. In his April statement, Sullivan said:

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and control.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

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The tobacco, grown on the ranch, brought an average price of 64 cents a pound for a total of about \$3,200, Her- man McDonald, ranch farm manager, said. McDonald said the 12 boys who live on the ranch have been "almost wholly responsi- ble for the hand labor on the tobacco. The tobacco sold today rep- resented about half the crop raised this year on the

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Charge of Red Infiltration of Clergy Nonsense, Pastor Tells Exchange Club

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ida, and three local (city) councils have been formed.	operating independently cannot do.	standards; education of children; and improvements in all areas of Christian social living.
Main function of the Florida council, Davis said, is to get things done that denominations	Among these functions are: ministry to some 80,000 migratory farm workers; working toward a higher standard of living; raised moral and spiritual	Davis said he was an observer at the recent session of the State Legislature and reported regularly to the member churches of the council.

He was emphatic in his statement that none of the councils—world, national or state—“presume to speak for their constituent members.”

“Groups from each of these bodies merely present their convictions to the member denominations and churches for their study—to accept or reject,” he said.

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St. Augustine, Fla.
August 19, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 2/27/01 BY 39063 EIC/ASL

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping which I find very disturbing inasmuch as it quotes speeches being made, at your direction, by Mr. William C. Sullivan, chief inspector for the FBI, that are in direct opposition to testimony given by you, also sworn testimony given by FBI undercover agents like Mr. Herbert Philbrick and others. Since you are admired and respected by all Americans for your ability and integrity, it seems to me this article should be clarified at once, as it has had wide circulation via the Times-Union. May I ask also, isn't it true that Mr. Sullivan is not a Protestant and therefore would not know what is going on in Protestant churches, and although he says these allegations concerning Communism in churches are not true, he has never appeared before any investigative body to give his testimony under oath?

Thanking you for an early reply, I am

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Yours truly,

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August 29, 1961

St. Augustine, Florida

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DATE 2/29/01 BY 39063 KLM/MLK

Dear

Your letter of August 19, with enclosure, has been received and the concern prompting your communication is appreciated.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. I can assure you that their remarks on communism do not repudiate in any way statements I have made in my speeches, or that have been reflected in my book, "Masters of Deceit." Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan.

Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some additional material that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and Religion (Speech by Mr. Sullivan)

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

One Nation's Response to Communism

Series from "Christianity Today"

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record for the correspondent. Correspondent's enclosed a Jacksonville, Florida, newspaper article dated August 3, 1961, which concerns a speech recently delivered by Reverend Jack A. Davis in a talk to the Exchange Club of Jacksonville. The article describes Davis as executive secretary of the Florida Council of Churches. The article refers to several statements made by Davis in reference to statements previously made by Assistant Director Sullivan regarding communist infiltration of the churches.

Bufiles reflect that in 1940 [REDACTED] was reported to be a rabid Pacifist agitator and a conscientious objector with communistic tendencies; ridicules the American form of government, quotes from speeches of Browder as authority to tear down and ridicule law enforcement. In 1949 he was the signee of an open letter, addressed to all Congressmen, attacking the Atlantic Pact. The letter was sent in the name of the Continuations Committee of the Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact which was a communist front organization.

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The Methodist Ministry and Communism:
 The Truth Behind the Charges

For years, Methodists and other Protestants have heard the charges made that thousands of ministers have become supporters of communism. Philip Wogaman has written a booklet entitled *The Methodist Ministry and Communism: The Truth Behind the Charges* which deals directly with charges against Methodist ministers. Every Methodist should avail himself of the information in this booklet in order that he may be able to answer the charges that ministers and teachers of The Methodist Church support communism. The booklet should be ordered from the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs, General Board of Christian Social Concerns of The Methodist Church, 740 North Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. Price: 1-10 copies, 75 cents; 11-100 copies, 50 cents; over 100 copies, 40 cents.

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SAC, Chicago

August 30, 1961

Director, FBI (100-403529)

- 1 - Mr. Callahan (5515)
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The Bureau desires that you purchase two copies of the booklet entitled "The Methodist Ministry and Communism; the Truth Behind the Churches" by Philip Wogaman. This booklet can be secured through the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs, General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, 740 North Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. The price of this booklet is 75 cents each.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Above booklet is not in the possession of the Bureau. It is believed that two copies should be secured for reference purposes. Letter should be routed through Mr. Callahan.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 25 1961

[Redacted]
Dallas 6, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

In response to your letter of June 22, 1961 there is enclosed a consolidated list dated November 1, 1955 of all the organizations designated by this Department pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, relating to the Federal employee security program, the only authority under which we may characterize organizations. Membership in or affiliation with a designated organization is one factor to be considered by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government in connection with the employment or retention in employment of individuals in Federal service.

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I hope you will understand our inability to disseminate outside of the executive branch information from our files, if any is available. In addition, while this Department is authorized to designate organizations pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, we have no authority to clear publications.

Sincerely,

J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By: (Signed) Oran H. Waterman

Oran H. Waterman
Chief, Civil Section

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Dallas 6, Texas
July 14, 1961

Subversive Organization Section
Internal Security
Division, U. S. Dept. Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 2/18/01 BY 37063 EIW/JALR

Gentlemen:

On June 22, 1961, I wrote you as follows:

"The following magazines and/or papers have been recommended to a friend instead of some periodicals we have been reading:

News Republic
Progressor
Christian Century

"I keep up on world affairs and read a lot and I have never heard of the above. I am suspicious of the person that recommended them. So, I am wondering if they have a subversive taint to them.

"The F.B.I. in Dallas suggested to my sister, [REDACTED] that we write you.

"I shall appreciate any information you can give me."

To date, I have not received a reply to the above letter.

The person who recommended the magazines or papers admits he is a socialist. In my opinion he is sympathetic with the communists. He is in a position to wield lots of influence and it is imperative that we know about the reading material he is recommending.

And too, why can't a patriotic citizen of the United States get a reply from your department? Any one is entitled to that courtesy.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) [REDACTED]
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 26, 1961, with enclosures, has been received. Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and a Special Agent from our Dallas Office will contact you in the near future for any additional information you wish to furnish in this matter.

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Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Attention SAC: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Your attention is called to paragraph three of correspondent's letter to me. Contact her immediately for identity of preacher and any additional information she may wish to furnish. Submit results of your contact under appropriate caption making reference to this letter.

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Faith In God--Our Answer To Communism

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

The Communist Menace

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NOTE: Correspondent enclosed copies of her letter to the Subversive Organization Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, and a copy of that Division's letter to her. The Department furnished her the list of organizations designated by the Department pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and advised her that they had no authorization to clear publications.

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Dallas 6, Texas
August 26, 1961

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I wrote the Internal Security Division and copy of their reply to me, which are self-explanatory.

I also wrote the Christian Anti-Communism office in Los Angeles three weeks ago asking for the information requested in the enclosed letter and I have not had a reply. They had a Freedom Forum in Dallas and they have my name on their mailing list. I am about convinced all they want is money.

I am going further with you than I did with the Internal Security Division. It is with a heavy heart I tell you the person referred to is a preacher. He will not say one word against communism, although he gives Hitler the dickens. He is not an American citizen. And in my opinion some of his sermons are pacifistic.

If I am misjudging him, I hope the Lord will forgive me. But I must find out something about these magazines or papers. They can't be found in the newsstands here. Can you help me?

I have often had the urge, but I simply have not done it, to write you and tell you how much I appreciate what you have done for the protection of the United States. You have given so much of yourself to our beloved Country. Thanks.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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**MEMBERSHIP OF CONSTITUENT COMMUNIONS
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
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	Number of Churches	Inclusive Membership	Pastors With Charges
Armenian Church of North America, Diocese Baptist	52	122,000	40
American Baptist Convention	6,362	1,555,360	4,939
National Baptist Convention of America	11,398	2,668,799	7,598
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.	26,000	5,000,000	26,000
Seventh Day Baptists, General Conference	60	5,963	40
Brethren, Church of the	1,069	200,282	800
Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) International Convention	7,945	1,943,599	4,804
Eastern Orthodox			
Greek Archdiocese of North & South America	378	1,150,000	400
Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America	51	50,000	37
Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America	352	755,000	349
Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church	61	150,000	68
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church	80	110,000	90
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America	36	44,350	36
Evangelical United Brethren Church	4,353	749,188	2,992
Friends			
Five Years Meetings of Friends	494	68,399	350
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends	116	17,647	none
Lutheran			
American Evangelical Lutheran Church	80	23,000	63
Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church	1,186	582,560	922
United Lutheran Church in America	4,171	2,293,902	3,133
Methodist			
African Methodist Episcopal Church	5,878	1,166,301	5,878
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	3,090	780,000	2,400
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	2,469	392,167	1,820
The Methodist Church	39,138	9,670,690	24,138
Moravian			
Evangelical Unity of the Czech-Moravian Brethren in North America	32	6,028	9
Moravian Church in America	156	60,415	126
Polish National Catholic Church of America	157	271,316	147
Presbyterian			
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.	3,984	869,452	2,718
The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.	9,212	3,094,633	7,500
Protestant Episcopal Church	6,909	3,042,286	4,963 ('51)
Reformed			
Hungarian Reformed Church in America	38	10,000	24
Reformed Church in America	852	216,096	62
United Church of Christ			
Evangelical and Reformed Church	2,731	806,365	1,858
General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches	5,341	1,381,124	3,429
TOTALS	144,231	39,256,922	107,733

The following denominations or one or more of their boards or agencies, not members of the National Council of Churches, are either voting or non-voting associate members of one or more Council units or area committees:

Advent Christian Church	Cumberland Presbyterian	Mennonite Church
American Lutheran Church	Evangelical Congregational	Mennonite Church, Gen. Conf.
Anglican Church of Canada	Evangelical Lutheran	North American Baptist
Assemblies of God	Evangelical Covenant	Presbyterian Ch. in Canada
Associate Reformed Presby.	Finnish Evangelical Lutheran	Salvation Army
Baptist Federation of Canada	Free Methodist	Seventh Day Adventists
The Brethren Church	Friends, Kansas Yearly Mtg.	Southern Baptist
Church of Christ (Holiness)	General Baptist	Schwenkfelder
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	Lutheran Brethren	United Church of Canada
Church of the Nazarene	Lutheran Church.-Mo. Synod	United Evang. Lutheran
Churches of God in No. America	Lutheran Free Church	Wesleyan Methodist

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INTRODUCTION

THE greatest enemy of atheistic and materialistic communism in the world today is Christianity. The Protestant churches, indeed all religious institutions, are the strongest bulwark against communism.

A handful of arch critics and dissident groups, who are devoting their lives to undermining the Protestant churches and their regularly constituted agencies, are unwittingly the handmaidens of communist techniques.

Lately, the divisive and slanderous attacks of this handful were insinuated into official training manuals of a major branch of our defense forces, the United States Air Force. Because Church institutions, including the National Council of Churches, were baselessly slandered in manuals destined for young Air Force trainees, and even more because Churches and their National Council feel their responsibility for protecting the human rights and freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the National Council made vigorous protest. The Council received prompt official apologies from our nation's highest defense authorities and was assured that the offensive and untrue materials would be withdrawn from circulation and destroyed.

Thousands of messages and public declarations of support for this action have reached the Council from religious bodies of all faiths, from respected secular institutions, and from individuals concerned for human rights and the future of our free democratic society. For this, the Council is profoundly grateful, and for this, all Americans should join in gratitude.

Those who would destroy our churches and weaken our democratic society, to the delight of communists everywhere, persist in spreading their poison. Lest their efforts create confusion and doubt and result in

statement in which he said that Lowman was recommended by segregation leaders in Louisiana. Lowman's employment by the Georgia Commission came to light through the means used to pay Lowman \$4,500 for his work.

J. B. MATTHEWS, author of the *American Mercury* article in 1953 which opened with the statement that "The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergy."

One-time staff director for the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, a position he lost as the result of the furor that resulted from publication of his articles in the *Mercury*.

Matthews' political association has run the gamut from left to right.

Was in Java for six years, 1915-1921, as a missionary-teacher, and ordained a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Has taught at Fisk University in Nashville and Howard University in Washington, D. C.

A member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and, later, lecturer and pamphleteer for the Educational Bureau of the Socialist Party. Member of the American League Against War and Fascism, described as a successful Communist front in the United States.

Later became vice president of Consumers Research, Inc., and when ousted from the group as a result of internal difficulties, formed a rival organization.

Subsequently, Matthews confessed his Communist associations before the House of Representatives' Dies Committee; later, he became the Committee's Research Director, building lists of Americans he suspected of being subversive by compiling names appearing on the letterheads of the many leftist groups to which he had belonged.

After leaving the Dies Committee, Matthews lectured across the country on subversion; aided the work of others in the same field. He has written many articles alleging extensive Communist infiltration among Protestant clergymen. Has lectured on behalf of Carl McIntire's American Council of Christian Churches, and has associated with other attackers of the National Council of Churches.

funds for the hungry, sick, and homeless overseas. He has objected to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, charging modernism and left-wing tendencies among its translators and the National Council of Churches, its sponsor. He also accused the National Council and World Council of modernism, pacifism, support of interracial harmony, being pro-Catholic, and Communism. Associated with McIntire at various times have been promoters of discord and hate such as William Denton, the Northern and Southern Knights of the Klu Klux Klan; Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald Winrod, Edgar Bundy, Merwin K. Hart, Billy James Hargis.

MYERS G. LOWMAN, Cincinnati, O., executive secretary of the CIRCUIT RIDERS, Inc. Lowman has been active as a public relations agent; was once in the air-conditioning business. The CIRCUIT RIDERS was organized in 1951 by thirty-three Methodist laymen of whom Lowman was one, for the ostensible purpose of opposing "socialism and communism" in The Methodist Church. Under Lowman's guidance, the group's imprimatur has been given to Lowman's charges against Protestant churches and clergymen of being soft on Communism.

Lowman holds no office at any denominational level of The Methodist Church.

He has published such documents as "30 of the 95 Men who Gave Us the Revised Standard Version of the Bible," quoted as source material by the Air Force Reserve Training Manual. In addition, he has published the following pamphlets, which he calls a "compilation of public records," to "prove" that Protestant clergymen are Communist sympathizers: "1,411 Protestant Episcopal Rectors," "614 Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Clergymen," "2,109 Methodist Ministers."

Lowman also published "Recognize Red China" which was an attack on one item of the Message of the Cleveland World Order Study Conference.

In the material he has published, Lowman takes a position similar to that of Bundy, McIntire, Hargis and others—endeavoring to establish guilt by association, taking material out of context.

The *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* printed an article on August 3, 1958, about "the employment of M. G. Lowman, of Cincinnati, Ohio, as secret investigator for the Georgia Commission on Education." Georgia Governor Marvin Griffin issued a subsequent

further hate of one American for another, the National Council of Churches herewith presents an account of what the Council really is and does.

From its very first moment of existence in December 1950, when the denominations constituted this agency to witness to their unity in Christ and to conduct their cooperative work, the National Council of Churches has never had a communist party member or sympathizer among its officers or staff, or its executives. Every one of these devoted church members is deeply loyal to his country. Every one of them resists by conviction, and by virtue of his professional activity, the attempts of communism to infiltrate and undermine a free society both in America and other nations of the world. The Council defies anyone to offer proof of probative value to the contrary.

Since the Council was formed, literally thousands of clergymen and laity have participated actively in the work of its numerous departments and Committees, including the members of the Revised Standard Bible Committee. We know of no one of these thousands who has communistic leanings. Certainly none has been proved to have such leanings.

We know that there are statements in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, made by irresponsible and malicious individuals, which seek by inference and innuendo to discredit persons in the leadership of our member churches and in the staff of the Council and its supervisory bodies. We know also, however, that the implied charges of communist affiliation or communist sympathy are totally false.

Those who do not wish to witness a resurgence of McCarthyism in our country—those who see hints in recent events of a resurgence of the same totalitarian philosophy and the same tactics—should examine the record contained in this pamphlet.

Those who believe in the human rights inherent in the Christian gospel and specifically assured to Americans under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and the freedoms basic to the survival of civilization, are urged to help safeguard these rights both for themselves and their Christian institutions. It is our hope that the information here presented will be helpful to that end.

Where does the National Council of Churches and its constituent communions stand on the question of Communism?

The following letter, written to every member of both houses of Congress of the United States, is a clear-cut statement in answer to that question. Attached to the letter is an endorsement by duly elected and authorized representatives of member denominations of the National Council of Churches:

The Honorable
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

The prompt action taken by the Secretary of the Air Force closes its training manuals to infiltration by propaganda against churches and religious institutions. However, the appearance of such defamatory matter in government publications heavily underscores the extreme dangers to the American principles of freedom. The dangers lie in the lending or employment of governmental power or media, at any official level, to induce or coerce regimentation of expression or to make some pattern of civic thought or religious opinion a test of loyalty, or to equate concern for the rights of men with infidelity to the American ideal.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and its constituent communions are and always have been unalterably opposed to communism. Its unqualified conviction was expressed in the Council's Policy Statement of May 19, 1953, that:

"No body of people is more concerned to combat communism than the church groups of our country" and

"these churches are the greatest bulwarks of freedom in the United States."

Such conviction was reasserted in the recent Resolution of the Council's General Board adopted last June

"reaffirming the consistent position of the National Council of Churches expressed in many official actions opposing the evils, the violation of human rights by communist and other tyrannies."

For the very reason that the National Council of Churches and its constituent communions hold this

BILLY JAMES HARGIS, Tulsa, Okla., president and publisher of a group he organized known as "Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc.," and president of "Christian Crusade"—both with headquarters in Tulsa.

Hargis claims he is an ordained Protestant clergyman but does not name his denomination. Has held pastorates in Sapulpa, Okla., and Granby, Mo. Received honorary degree in 1957 from Belin Memorial University of Chillicothe, Mo. (Location now given as Phoenix, Ariz.)

He is an outspoken supporter of charges that the National Council of Churches and Protestant clergymen are communists or soft on communism. Two pamphlets he wrote were cited as source material by the Air Reserve Center Training Manual which was withdrawn by the Air Force: "Apostate Clergymen Battle for God-Hating Communist China" and "The National Council of Churches Indicts Itself on 50 Counts of Treason to God and Country." He conducts radio broadcasts on which similar charges are made. Financial appeals on these broadcasts are a major source of his income.

Hargis has promoted writings of Joseph P. Kamp, described as a hate merchant, who once claimed that "notorious un-American elements" were behind General Eisenhower. J. B. Matthews, author of "Reds and our Churches" in the *American Mercury* magazine, has written for Hargis' magazine.

CARL McINTIRE, of Collingswood, N. J., president of the International Council of Christian Churches, a principal leader and former president of the American Council of Christian Churches, and editor-in-chief of the "Christian Beacon"—violently opposed to the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

McIntire was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. until he was deposed in 1936 for "disapproval, defiance, and acts in contravention of the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. . . . Not being zealous and faithful in maintaining the peace of the Church. . . . Violation of his ordination vows."

Later, he established the Bible Presbyterian Church and heads a congregation of that group in Collingswood, N. J., the church of which he has been minister since 1933.

McIntire's groups have attacked the "One Great Hour of Sharing," a united Protestant appeal to raise

ALEXANDER R. GORDON, professor in the United Theological College, Montreal, 1930.

JAMES A. MONTGOMERY, professor in the University of Pennsylvania; 1930-1937.

ARCHIBALD T. ROBERTSON, professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; 1930-1934.

JAMES HARDY ROPES, professor in the Divinity School of Harvard University, 1930-1937.

ANDREW SLEDD, Emory University, 1930-1937.

J. M. POWIS SMITH, University of Chicago, 1930-1932.

CHARLES C. TORREY, Yale University, 1930-1937.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR, University of Toronto, 1931-1951.

Finally, This Question: What Are Some Facts About Those Who Have Attacked the National Council of Churches and Protestant Clergymen and Laymen?

EDGAR C. BUNDY, Wheaton, Ill., general chairman of the "Church League of America," advertises himself as lecturer, soldier, traveler, journalist, evangelist. Poses as authority on military affairs. Is a Major in U. S. Air Force reserve.

His favorite theme is the menace of communism. He attacks the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, local councils of churches, and Protestant clergymen as either being communist or communist sympathizers.

Lectures on these themes, for pay, before women's clubs, American Legion posts, Rotary, Kiwanis, the Daughters of the American Revolution and other community organizations. He is the author of "Collectivism in the American Churches," in which he attacks councils of churches and Protestant clergymen. Bundy has been quoted as describing the late Senator Joseph McCarthy as "the greatest man alive" and saying "I like McCarthy and his methods."

Bundy was a leading supporter of the resolution condemning UNESCO passed by the American Legion national convention in Miami, and was also a leading supporter of the American Legion Department of Illinois convention statement which condemned a Girl Scout handbook as being "un-American." Bundy has been associated in various activities with two men identified by the Anti-Defamation League as professional anti-Semites, Allen Zoll of New York and Harry A. Jung of Chicago.

unalterable and consistent opposition to communism in any part of the world, the Council, with equal determination, also opposes and condemns—and will continue to oppose and condemn—all efforts, official or private, subtle or overt, intended or otherwise, to use agencies of any branch of government or media of mass communication under government regulation to defame church institutions or leaders, to subject church loyalty to the poison of innuendo; to differentiate between religious groups in point of patriotism, and thus to undermine religion itself, the centuries-old nature of the American people as a religious people, and the essential unity of our nation in its life and freedom.

Such efforts and practices not only are a patent violation of the free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but also are violations of that Amendment's guarantees of freedom of expression and opinion and of every citizen's right to discuss openly and without fear the practices and policies of his government. They set a pattern which is profoundly un-American and which, unless opposed and checked, can inculcate familiar totalitarian methods for manipulating the people's mind.

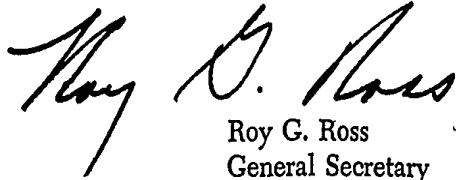
The very purpose of the Bill of Rights was to secure religious liberty and those associated liberties from the invasion of civil authority, and to place them beyond the reach of political or official control, or of private malevolence insinuating itself into media operating under government sanction.

Precisely because of the National Council's unalterable loyalty to these American constitutional principles, it insists not only on the right but also on the duty of the churches and of religious communions and their members to study and comment upon issues, whether political, economic or social, which affect human relations, the dignity of the individual, and the right of all men everywhere to liberty under law and justice.

To serve these noble and thoroughly democratic and American ends, the National Council conducts itself as the cooperative medium through which thirty-three Protestant and Orthodox communions in the United States focus the light of the Christian Faith on all phases of American life; and American concern. That it may so serve fully and loyally, the National Council will continue to oppose not only communism and any other form of tyranny over the mind of man,

but also all efforts public or private, to subject the churches of America and their representatives to any ordeal of suspicion, innuendo and hysteria.

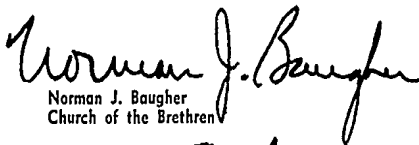
Sincerely yours,



Roy G. Ross
General Secretary

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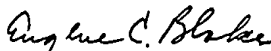
We, the duly elected and authorized representatives of denominations, as indicated, fully and wholeheartedly endorse and support the statement of policy of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. as set forth in the attached letter dated March 22, 1960 by Roy G. Ross, General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.



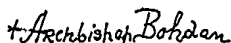
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Church of the Brethren



Zoltan Beky
Hungarian Reformed Church in America



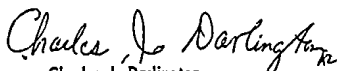
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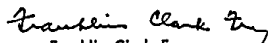
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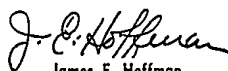
Franklin Clark Fry
United Lutheran Church in America



Most Rev. Leon Grochowski
Polish National Catholic Church of
America



Kenneth G. Hamilton
Moravian Church



James E. Hoffman
Reformed Church in America

delivered the Hibbert Lectures in 1927, the Ayer Lectures in 1929, and the Shaffer Lectures in 1948.

LEROY WATERMAN, an American Baptist minister, professor at the University of Michigan, prepared for his work on the Standard Bible Committee by helping to translate "The Bible: An American Translation" (1927); an Old Testament scholar, he has published "Textual Notes on the Letters of the Sargon Period" and "The Song of Songs, translated and interpreted as a Dramatic Poem"; he is the author also of "The Historical Jesus, Hope of Mankind" and "Religion Faces the World Crisis."

ABDEL ROSS WENTZ, a minister of the United Lutheran Church of America, was successively professor of church history (1916 to 1940) and president (1940 to 1956) of the Gettysburg (Pa.) Theological Seminary; he has been both secretary and treasurer of the American Association of Theological Schools; within his own denomination, the United Lutheran Church of America, he has served as a member of the executive board and president of the board of foreign missions; he has represented his denomination as vice-president of the Lutheran World Federation, delegate to the World Conference on Faith and Order, and member of the Committee of Fourteen to form the World Council of Churches; he is the author of nine books, including "The Beginning of the German element in York County (Pennsylvania)."

KYLE M. YATES, a minister of the Southern Baptist Church, has been pastor and professor as well as author; following 20 years as professor of Old Testament at Louisville Baptist Theological Seminary, he served for a decade as pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; in 1955 he became professor of Bible at Baylor University; he is the author of technical works on the language of the Old Testament as well as books of Biblical interpretation, among the titles are "Essentials of Biblical Hebrew," "Preaching from the Prophets," "Studies in the Psalms."

In addition to the twenty-one persons named above, eleven other scholars held membership on the Committee during the years indicated:

FREDERICK C. EISELEN, president of Garrett Biblical Institute; 1929-1937.

JOHN R. SAMPEY, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; 1929-1938.

WILLIAM P. ARMSTRONG, professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary; 1930-1937.

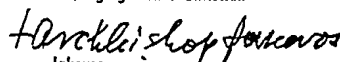
Glasgow, and in 1927 came to America as Washburn professor of church history, at Union Theological Seminary; an encyclopedic scholar (with his name on 145 cards in the Union Seminary catalog), he wrote books on church history ("The Thrill of Tradition," and "The First Five Centuries of the Church"), English literature ("Introduction to the novels of George Meredith" and "The Bible in Scots Literature"); church music ("Handbook to the Church Hymnary"); theology ("Grace in the New Testament," "Love in the New Testament"); in 1913 he published his own translation of the New Testament and in 1926 "The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, a New Translation"; until his death in 1944, secretary of the Standard Bible Committee.

JAMES MULLENBERG, a Congregational minister, formerly professor at the Pacific School of Religion, is now Davenport Professor of Hebrew and Cognate Languages at Union Theological Seminary; did his first scholarly work in the field of early Christian literature, his Ph.D. dissertation being on "The Literary Relations of the Epistle of Barnabas and the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles"; his subsequent work has included many articles and book reviews on such subjects as the Dead Sea Scrolls, the faith of ancient Israel, and the interpretation of the Old Testament.

HARRY M. ORLINSKY, of the Jewish Institute of Religion, was invited to sit with the Committee as a living authority on the grammar and vocabulary of Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament; he did not vote on New Testament questions, nor on Old Testament questions involving Christian theology; he is the author of "Ancient Israel" and "The Present State of Proto-Septuagint Studies" and the compiler of "An Indexed Bibliography of the Writings of W. F. Albright, published in honor of his 50th birthday by a committee of his former students"; he is a member of the Committee at present revising the Old Testament Translation of the Jewish Publication Society.

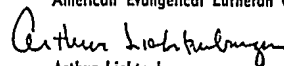
WILLARD L. SPERRY, a Congregational minister, was dean of the Harvard Theological School; the thirty-two entries opposite his name in the catalog of a theological library include a wide range of books indicated by such titles as "The Disciples of Liberty," "The Ethical Basis of Medical Practice," "Jesus Then and Now," "The Nature and Function of Religious Symbolism," "Reality in Worship," "Strangers and Pilgrims, studies in Classics of Christian Devotion"; he



Fred Hoskins
General Council,
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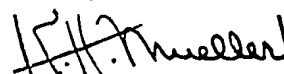

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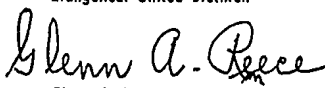

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National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

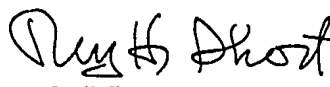

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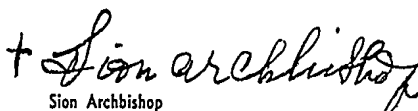

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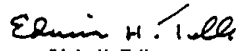

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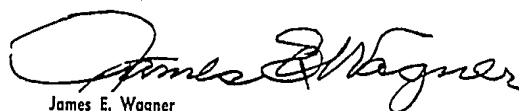

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Five Years Meeting of Friends

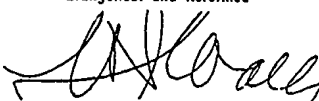

Roy H. Short
Methodist


Sion Archbishop
Primate of the Diocese of the
Armenian Church of America


B. Julian Smith
Christian Methodist Episcopal


Edwin H. Tuller
American Baptist Convention


James E. Wagner
United Church of Christ
Evangelical and Reformed


W. J. Walls
African Methodist Episcopal Zion

What Actions Have Been Taken by the National Council of Churches With Respect to Current Problems Involving Communism?

The following resolution was adopted by the General Board of the National Council of Churches, at Seattle, Wash., on June 3-4, 1959, with respect to the attack by Communist China on Tibet:

"The General Board of the National Council of Churches expresses profound sorrow for the people of Tibet suffering under Chinese communist oppression and calls for increased aid from our churches in humanitarian ministries to those who have fled as refugees.

"Reaffirming the consistent position of the National Council of Churches expressed in many official actions opposing the evils, the violence and the violation of human rights by communists and other tyrannies,

"Taking into account the findings of the Fifth World Order Study Conference which set forth standards of international conduct for nations wishing to have a recognized responsible place in community of nations, which condemn violations of human rights by communist dictators and others, which also points ways to peaceful development of international relations, and

"Desiring to make clear once again the demands of Christian conscience against all injustice, betraying of international agreements and violation of human rights and religious liberty under communist leaders and other dictators.

"The General Board calls upon the members of the churches to pray for the end of such oppression of people in Tibet, China and elsewhere, to pray and work to break down the barriers which divide humanity, to increase communication and visitations among different peoples, and to develop a reconciling, cooperating world community of nations; and to work in all constructive ways to seek the restraint and elimination of violent coercion upon innocent peoples so that they may have a greater measure of justice, freedom and peace.

"Recalling that our churches through Church World Service have already been at work for months helping the refugees who have fled for life and liberty beyond Tibetan borders,

ment and in 1956 was acting dean; he is a member of the American Oriental Society and a fellow of the National Council on Religion in Higher Education; in 1952 he was a Ford faculty fellow at Hebrew Union College; he is the author of "Prophetic Religion" and "Jeremiah, Prophet of Courage and Hope."

WILLIAM A. IRWIN, a minister of the American Baptist Church, taught at the University of Chicago until the age of retirement; since then he has been guest professor at a Methodist seminary, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas; he is one of the revisers of I. M. Price's "The Ancestry of Our English Bible" and is the author of "The Intellectual Adventure of Ancient Man," "The Problem of Ezekiel," "The Old Testament: Keystone of Human Culture"; in 1957, eleven of his former students published in his honor papers on Old Testament subjects—the symposium is entitled "A Stubborn Faith."

FLEMING JAMES, who died in 1959, was an Episcopal clergyman who in his youth labored on the mission field, both home and foreign; from 1902-06 he was in Shanghai, China, and from 1906 to 1912 had charge of St. Anna's mission, Philadelphia; in 1921 he became professor of Old Testament Literature and Interpretation at the Berkeley Divinity School; from 1940 to 1947 he was dean and professor of Old Testament in the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee, Tennessee); co-author of "The Beginning of Our Religion," he wrote also "Thirty Psalmists" and "Personalities of the Old Testament."

HERBERT GORDON MAY, a Congregational minister, has been since 1934 a faculty member at the Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio; since 1946 he has been Finney professor of Old Testament language and literature; archaeological exploration has enabled him to write such works as "Material Remains of the Megiddo Cult," "Culture and Conscience," and "Re-mapping the Biblical World"; former editor of Old Testament book reviews for the Journal of Biblical Literature, he is now on the editorial board of the Journal of Religious Education; in 1952 he wrote "Our English Bible in the Making."

JAMES MOFFATT, a Presbyterian minister, was ordained in his native Scotland; while still in parish work he wrote a still authoritative work, "An Introduction to the New Testament"; in 1911 he became Yates professor of Greek at Mansfield College, Oxford University; in 1915 he became professor of church history at the United Free Church College,

GEORGE DAHL, a Congregational minister, became Holmes professor of Hebrew language and literature at Yale Divinity School in 1914; a member of the American Oriental Society, he has written books on "The Materials for the History of Dor" and "The Heroes of Israel's Golden Age"; he has been president of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis and editor of the Journal of Biblical Literature; during World War I he served as educational secretary of the Army Y.M.C.A. at Camp Devens, Mass.

EDGAR J. GOODSPEED, a Baptist minister, is one of America's best known Biblical scholars because, in 1923, he published his own translation of the New Testament; this was bound up with the J.M.P. Smith Old Testament as "The Bible: An American Translation"; during World War II Goodspeed's New Testament was distributed to men in the armed forces as a pocket edition bearing the imprint of the Y.M.C.A. and the U.S.O.; a prolific author, Dr. Goodspeed has written authoritative works on almost every phase of New Testament study; in 1948 the University of Chicago Press published a book of 18 pages listing the books and articles he has written, and several major works have appeared since then; his autobiography, "As I Remember," was published in 1954; granting him an honorary degree in 1951, Yale University described him as "teacher and guide of generations of New Testament scholars."

FREDERICK C. GRANT, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, served as dean of Bexley Hall, Gambier, Ohio, and president of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., before becoming professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary, New York; he has translated into English important German theological works and has himself written on Gospel origins, Biblical theology, and the practice of religion; his latest book (1959) is entitled "Ancient Judaism and the New Testament"; when he was 60, his former students published in his honor a series of essays entitled "The Joy of Study"; Princeton University, bestowing upon him an honorary degree in 1958, said: "his lucid mind has seized and his lively words have spread among thousands the manifold truths of Christian doctrine."

JAMES PHILIP HYATT, ordained in 1929 to the ministry of the Baptist Church, has been since 1946 a minister of the Disciples of Christ; in the Old Testament department at Vanderbilt University he has been, since 1944, chairman of the graduate depart-

"Remembering that there have been increasing numbers of these refugees and that they are in dire need,

"The General Board calls upon the constituency of the churches, and others who will, to pray for the well-being of these refugees and to give generously through their churches to the Tibetan Refugee Emergency Fund of Church World Service to feed the hungry, clothe the needy, and minister to the sick, and shelter the homeless out of God's abundance in which we live."

What Is the Attitude of the National Council of Churches on the Right of Individuals to Express Their Religious Beliefs According to the Dictates of Their Own Conscience?

Meeting in December 1958, the General Board of the National Council of Churches stated its support of "the right and duty of the Christian Churches and their Councils to study and comment upon issues, no matter how controversial, in the realm of politics, economics, and social affairs, in view of their common faith in Jesus Christ as both Lord and Savior. . . . The issue is the right of the citizen of whatever race or creed, and of any peaceable organization he chooses to form or join, to discuss freely and to express judgments, without exposure to attacks upon motive or integrity for daring to exercise the right to do so. Such a right is especially vital to the Church, which owes a duty to lead and to inform, so that its members may be aided in reaching morally valid judgments in the light of their common faith."

How Does An Outstanding American Newspaper, Respected the World Over for Its Historic Support of the Truth and Honesty in Reporting, View the Charge of Communism Within the Church and the Clergy? How Does This Newspaper View the Efforts to Destroy the Free Pulpit?

The *New York Times*, on March 28, 1960, printed the following story:

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PROTESTANT EXTREMISTS ARE SEEKING TO CURB CLERGYMEN ON SOCIAL ISSUES

By JOHN WICKLEIN

Protestant leaders in the Midwest and in Texas believe a concerted effort is being made by extreme economic and religious conservatives to keep ministers and church councils from speaking out on social issues and force them to "stick to the Gospel."

The effort, they say, has intensified in the six weeks since an Air Force training manual drew attention to long-standing assertions by ultra-conservatives that Communists had infiltrated the major Protestant denominations and their federation, the National Council of Churches.

The council protested the manual, and the Defense Department withdrew it with apologies. The withdrawal incensed fundamentalists. They insisted in rallies that the charges were true, and demanded that the publication be reinstated.

This week-end the Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary, sent a letter to all members of Congress stating that the council and its thirty-three constituent bodies "are and always have been unalterably opposed to communism."

But the council "insists not only on the right, but also on the duty of the churches and of religious communions and their members to study and comment upon issues, whether, political, economic, or social, which affect human relations," he went on.

It is on this point that liberal and moderate ministers run into violent disagreement from fundamentalist clergy. The conservatives insist that the church "preach the Bible and teach Sunday school," and keep out of social and political debates.

"The basic issue in the present controversy is still the old fundamentalist-modernist argument," the Rev. Dr. Roe Johnston, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, said in an interview last week.

"The fundamentalists have found a new club in these Communist charges and it gets them more publicity than they ever had before, and so they are going to flail away."

of the Bible," "The Story of the Church," "The Master" and a book of prayers entitled "Lift Up Your Hearts"; his latest literary work, done in retirement, is the editing for an American edition of B. R. Youngman's "The Lands and Peoples of the Living Bible."

MILLAR BURROWS, a Congregational minister, served as Winkley professor of Biblical Theology at Yale Divinity School and president of the American Schools of Oriental Research; an authority on archaeology as well as on Semitic languages and Near Eastern civilizations, he is popularly known for his work on "The Dead Sea Scrolls" (a best seller in 1955) and "More Light on the Dead Sea Scrolls;" he is the author also of "What Mean These Stones?" and "An Outline of Biblical Theology"; retired on age from his professorship, he continues his work as Vice-Chairman of the Standard Bible Committee.

HENRY J. CADBURY, a member of a well-known Quaker family, became Hollis professor of divinity and Dexter lecturer on Biblical literature at Harvard University in 1934; his many works in the New Testament field include "The Making of Luke-Acts," "The Peril of Modernizing Jesus," and "Jesus—What Manner of Man?"; a founder of the American Friends' Service Committee, he served as chairman from 1934 to 1959; he has written extensively on the history of the Society of Friends and the life and work of George Fox and John Greenleaf Whittier; now retired from Harvard, he teaches at Pendle Hill, Haverford, and Bryn Mawr; in 1956 he was elected chairman of the directing board at Bryn Mawr; a scholars' scholar, he is often heard at meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis.

CLARENCE TUCKER CRAIG; was a Methodist minister who taught in three theological seminaries: the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin, the Divinity School at Yale, and Drew Theological Seminary—he was dean of the latter at his death in 1953, and the seminary chapel now bears his name; an authority in the New Testament field, he wrote almost a dozen books, including "The Beginning of Christianity," "The Study of the New Testament" and "Jesus Christ is Lord"; Biblical studies led him into concern about world Christianity and he wrote books on the nature and task of the church; he aided the ecumenical movement as chairman of the American Theological Committee of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, chairman of the Inter-seminary Committee, and editor of the Ecumenical Review.

School from 1928 to 1949; holds seven different kinds of doctors' degrees (philosophy, divinity, letters, laws, etc.) several of these seven kinds having been bestowed more than once; author of books in fields of American history and Christian education as well as Biblical interpretation: a million copies of his textbook, "The Pupil and the Teacher" have been sold; chairman (1928-1958) of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association; chairman (1930-1948) of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Theological Schools, trustee of the Northfield Schools, the Hazen Foundation, Yale-in-China; chairman of the Standard Bible Committee, his latest volume is "The Bible Word Book" (Nelson, 1960).

WILLIAM F. ALBRIGHT, although a Methodist layman, has taught Biblical archaeology to generations of ministers: many specialists in Old Testament studies have graduated from the Oriental seminar over which he presided at Johns Hopkins University; director of numerous archaeological excavations, he has dug in Palestine, the Sinai Peninsula, and Arabia; over 800 articles and books bear his name, some of which have been translated into French, German, Hebrew, and Italian; his best known books are "From the Stone Age to Christianity," "Archaeology and the Religion of Israel," "The Archaeology of Palestine."

JULIUS A. BEWER, a Congregational minister, was professor of Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary, New York; the seminary catalog contains 69 cards bearing his name; these refer to biographical studies of other scholars (Henry Preserved Smith); commentaries in Obadiah, Jonah, Joel; to notes on Ezekiel, Daniel, Jeremiah, Deuteronomy, Hosea; to learned articles having to do with the authority of the Old Testament and the use of the Old Testament by Christian ministers; his "The Literature of the Old Testament," first published in 1922 and many times reprinted, has become a classic.

WALTER RUSSELL BOWIE, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, served as rector in Greenwood and Richmond, Virginia, and at Grace Church, New York City, before taking up the work of training young ministers; he lectured at the Philadelphia Divinity School of the Episcopal Church, served from 1945 to 1950 as dean of students at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and taught homiletics at the Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va.; he is the author of many well known volumes including "The Story

Ministers such as Dr. Johnston, a former football star at Annapolis, are not afraid to speak strongly on social issues. But many others, according to executives of local church councils, are afraid that if they do they will be attacked as Communist sympathizers or undercut financially.

INTIMIDATION SEEN

A Chicago denominational official saw the attacks as attempts at intimidation in the manner of the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, with guilt by association as the chief weapon.

"If we lose the freedom of the pulpit," he said, "then we're gone."

He noted that the attackers had not been able to name any incumbent official of a major denomination or the National Council as a Communist.

That moderate and liberal clergymen have genuine fears for this freedom was indicated in interviews last week in four areas, where pressure from ultra-conservative clergy and laymen had been reported—Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago and Houston.

The pressure, these men agreed, stems from two sources:

¶ Wealthy laymen in and out of mainline denominations who object to social, economic and political pronouncements by local ministers, denominational leaders and officers of the National Council.

¶ Theological conservatives who object to liberalism in matters of belief, which predominates within the major denominations affiliated with the council.

The efforts of the one group, according to local church council executives, reinforce the efforts of the other.

Those opposing the council have found guidance in the nightly broadcasts of Fulton Lewis Jr. For the last three weeks the commentator has devoted a third of his daily broadcasts on 310 stations across the country to attacks on the council and liberal clergy leaders.

LEWIS OFTEN QUOTED

Midwestern ministers say Mr. Lewis is the source most frequently quoted to them when their parishioners ask questions such as, "What are you going to do about the Communists in our denomination?"

Mr. Lewis was asked whether he was making his attack on the council as a kind of crusade.

"Yes, I am," he replied. "I think that the National Council of Churches in many of its functions is a

very fine organization. But it should not, however, be represented as the spokesman for 38,000,000 Protestants when it is not the spokesman."

This objection was also heard across the Midwest from supporters of the Council as well as its detractors. At the council's headquarters here, James W. Wine, associate general secretary, said the organization was aware of the criticism.

"Certainly we do not speak for 38,000,000 people," he said. "No one could. And you'll note that pronouncements adopted by our General Assembly always say the delegates "urge" the churches to do thus and so, never that they have to do it."

Mr. Lewis said he wanted to stress "that the Air Force manual told the truth and should never have been repudiated."

The council, he said, "should not speak out on political issues, and so far as they speak out on social issues, it should be from a religious standpoint."

WOULD WITHHOLD FUNDS

He has suggested his listeners write to J. Howard Pew, former president of the Sun Oil Company and head of the United Presbyterian Foundation, for a report Mr. Pew wrote opposing the council's participation in "current secular affairs."

Mr. Pew, in a speech in Chicago a week ago, warned his denomination that men of wealth would continue to withhold contributions to the corporate church until it stopped making pronouncements on social issues, such as civil rights and collective bargaining. He has been supported by Gen. Robert E. Wood, former head of Sears, Roebuck & Co., and other affluent laymen.

In an interview Mr. Pew said:

"I would be just as much opposed to their making these pronouncements if they were enunciating my philosophy. These people do not have the knowledge and the competence in these areas. They should stick to ecclesiastical subjects."

The local minister, he said, has a responsibility in ethical and moral considerations that does not apply to the corporate church.

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church disagreed with Mr. Pew.

"In all my ministry," he commented, "I have never been criticized for 'meddling' in political affairs by any church member who agreed with the views expressed.

century English Bibles are now quite unintelligible: ouches (Exodus 28:11), pannag (Ezekiel 27:17), besom (Isaiah 14:23), brigandine (Jeremiah 46:4). Other 17th century words which are still recognizable have changed their meanings so much as to be misleading. "Ear" in the King James Version is a verb meaning "plow" (I Samuel 8:12). "Angle" was a noun meaning fishhook (Isaiah 19:8). "Bravery" refers not to courage but to feminine finery (Isaiah 3:18-23).

One form of the attack against the National Council of Churches, and against individual clergymen, has been a criticism of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and an impugning of the loyalty of the members of the committee which produced the Revised Standard Version.

It is of more than passing interest that the translators of the King James Version of the Bible were accused of "blasphemy," "most damnable corruptions," "intolerable deceit," and "vile imposture." This sounds familiar.

The King James Version underwent bitter denunciation for seventy years after it was published, being denounced as theologically unsound and ecclesiastically biased, as unduly deferring to the King's belief in witchcraft, as untrue to the Hebrew text and as relying too much on the Septuagint.

We are back to the same type charge, in another form, with the attack on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Next, what about the men who did the work on the RSV. Does the record read like the list of activities of men who were unloyal to their church and their country?

MEMBERS OF THE STANDARD BIBLE COMMITTEE

Appointment of the Standard Bible Committee was authorized in 1929 by the International Council of Religious Education (now the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches). From 1929 to the time the Revised Standard Version was published, in 1952, thirty-two scholars had worked on the translation. Except for James Moffatt, the following were living when the work was completed in 1952:

LUTHER A. WEIGLE, Dean Emeritus of Yale University Divinity School, ordained to the Lutheran ministry in 1903, is now a Congregationalist; professor of Christian nurture (1916-24) and of religious education (1924-49) at Yale, he was dean of the Divinity

Why Do We Have the Revised Standard Version . . . and . . . Who are the Men Who Were Members of the Standard Bible Committee?

The Revised Standard Version is the fifth authorized Bible. Authorized Bibles are distinguished from the private translations of individual men. Private translators have included John Wesley, Alexander Campbell, Richard Weymouth, J. B. Phillips, James Moffatt, and E. J. Goodspeed. Moffatt and Goodspeed both served also on the Standard Bible Committee.

From the time the work was initiated in 1929 by the International Council of Religious Education (now the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches) until the finished product appeared in 1952, thirty-two men served on the Standard Bible Committee. From the beginning, Dr. Luther A. Weigle, now Dean Emeritus of Yale Divinity School, has been Chairman of the Committee. His associates have been men eminent not only for Biblical scholarship but also for their contributions to hymnody, religious literature, and Christian understanding.

It is possible to illustrate here but briefly the four major reasons which impelled co-operative Christianity to undertake a fresh revision of the English Bible:

1. The discovery of old manuscripts revealed that copyists' errors had crept into the text of earlier revisions. The Chester Beatty Papyri, found in 1931, reveal that the true reading of Romans 8:28 is: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose."

2. New knowledge of the Biblical languages clarified the meaning of terms not previously understood. What Jesus said to those who found him in the temple was: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).

3. Earlier translators sometimes misunderstood the text, and errors had to be corrected. At Job 41:6, the King James Version asks, concerning Leviathan, "Shall the companions make a banquet of him?" This is mis-translation of a passage correctly rendered: "Will traders bargain over him?" At I Thessalonians 5:22 the King James translation, "abstain from all appearance of evil," misses the point of the Greek: "abstain from every form of evil."

4. Since language belongs to the realm of living things, it grows and changes. Many words in the 17th

"The stake that the Protestant churches have in this whole business is to keep themselves free to teach and preach the Gospel. Those who are pressing the church to keep out of economic and political areas, whether they know it or not, are attempting to make in this country a tame, kept church such as all totalitarian states attempt."

Support for slanderous accusations against liberal churchmen "normally comes from people who combine conservative theology with conservative economics and politics, specifically including wealthy men of the far right," he declared.

He said he would not put it past the Communist party to try to push this kind of confusion in the Protestant churches.

RAISES RED CONNECTION

"If there are Communists in this thing," he said, "I am sure they are using these extreme anti-Communists as their unwitting tools to try to destroy the Protestant churches, which have always been implacable foes of the Communist party and ideology."

Dr. Blake and other major denominational officials listed these fundamentalists as chief sources of attacks on the more liberal clergy:

¶ Maj. Edgar C. Bundy of the Air Force Reserve, chairman of the Church League of America in Wheaton, Ill., a lecturer and pamphleteer. He led the group in the Illinois department of the American Legion that condemned the Girl Scout handbook as "un-American."

¶ Myers G. Lowman of Cincinnati, executive secretary of Circuit Riders, Inc., organized in 1951 by thirty-three Methodist laymen to oppose "socialism and communism" in the Methodist Church.

¶ The Rev. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N. J., founder of the American Council of Churches, a small schismatic group, and editor of The Christian Beacon, which is devoted to attacks on the National Council.

¶ Verne P. Kaub of Madison, Wis., organizer of the American Council of Christian Laymen and a pamphleteer, who supports Mr. McIntire.

¶ The Rev. Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Okla., president of The Christian Crusade, lecturer and radio speaker. His pamphlet, "The National Council of Churches Indicts Itself on 50 Counts of Treason to God and Country," was cited as source material in the Air Force training manual.

HEAVY FINANCIAL BACKING

All these men have said they draw financial support from contributors to their organizations, or from lecture fees.

Church council executives say the major costs of their operations—the distribution of pamphlets and air time for radio program—are underwritten by two independent oil operators in Dallas and a Philadelphia industrialist. Attempts to reach these men and their business offices for confirmation have proved unavailing.

The five appear to have strong financial backing. Several weeks ago a small radio station in Illinois was offered \$5,000 a week to broadcast Mr. McIntire's "Reformation Hour." The clergyman is heard on ninety stations across the country.

After 1936, when the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. withdrew his ordination, Mr. McIntire concentrated his attack on that church. Later he shifted to attacks on the Roman Catholic Church, and more recently to the National Council.

Material used over the years by the five anti-liberals was quoted freely in the Air Force manual as proof that Communists were a guiding force in the council and major denominations.

Their chief sources of "documentation" are quotations from one another, information against clergymen in the "raw" files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, unevaluated testimony (sometimes their own) before that committee, and writings by them inserted in the Congressional Record by ultra-conservative Senators and Representatives.

OMISSION IN CHARGE

A charge circulated by these men and Mr. Lewis is that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam spoke at a dinner of the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship.

Omitted from the charge is the fact that the time was Nov. 8, 1942, when the United States was officially allied with the Soviet Union, that those present included Owen D. Young, the late Cordell Hull, Lord Halifax, Edward Stettinius Jr. and Senator Kenneth McKellar, Democrat of Tennessee, and that sponsors of the congress included Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Republican of Massachusetts, and Christian A. Herter, now Secretary of State.

Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of the late Republican Senator Robert A. Taft and an Episcopal layman active in the National Council, called the charges "chiefly an anti-intellectual attack."



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AN ATTACK ON RELIGION

Two thousand years ago the Christian religion was considered so subversive that its Founder was put to death and its followers driven underground. Times have changed since then, except in some of the Communist areas. Yet, as John Wicklein wrote in this paper yesterday, a bitter and ignorant attack is now being made on a Protestant organization, the National Council of Churches, on the ground that it is infiltrated by Communists and other Left-Wingers. The attack was brought out into the open when the Air Force withdrew, with apologies, a training manual which made just these charges.

If anyone will take the trouble to read the New Testament, or certain parts of the Old Testament, he will find that the prophets, including the Man of Nazareth, had indeed little reverence for riches or the possessors of worldly power, and had, on the contrary, a deep pity for the poor and the afflicted. All through the centuries the Christian church in all its phases and divisions has had a social as well as a religious message. Like other great religions, Judaism included, it has been repeatedly stirred by social reform movements.

In this light we may look again at those fantastic mentalities who attack what one of Mr. Wicklein's informants called "the freedom of the pulpit." So far as there is anything beyond a moronic vacuum in these attacks, they are really directed at all efforts to reconcile our society with the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. An intrachurch struggle is no doubt going on and in this dispute the general public outside the affected denominations need not take part. We have a right, however, to object to any attempts to intimidate the ministers of any religion. The symptoms of the present anticlerical campaign are recognizable in their similarity to other discreditable incidents over many decades and even generations. They are cheap, silly and irreligious.

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fen, "to keep our educational institutions free and segregated."

Mr. Lowman has attacked leaders of the Greater Cincinnati Council of Churches as subversive. In 1952 he applied for a job as public relations director of the council. He was refused.

The Rev. Raoul C. Calkins, district superintendent of the Cincinnati area of the Methodist Church, commented:

"The whole implication that within Protestantism there is a lack of loyalty to the United States and a tendency to be loyal to communism is just ridiculous and unfounded."

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The day following publication of the foregoing article, the *New York Times* printed the editorial which appears in full on the facing page.

"They don't want to discuss the 'Communist conspiracy' on any intellectual basis," he said, "because they don't show at all that ministers preach Communist doctrines. They always merge proposals for social welfare with communism, with an anti-intellectual refusal to make a discrimination between them. In a sense, it is the same sort of anti-intellectual attack that Senator McCarthy made on proposals for social welfare."

Churchgoers in Houston, Tex., seemed by far the most disturbed over the charges of communism. A council official described it as a "disaster area" for old-line Protestantism.

This may be because the area mixes religion with conservative economic and social thought: A car parked outside a large fundamentalist church has a sticker that reads "Constitution Party--Repeal the Income Tax"; a lighted sign in front of an insurance company division office says "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth."

Independent, emotional-appeal churches are springing up all over the city in attractive contemporary buildings containing church schools, nurseries and air-conditioning.

At one, the Berachah Church, Major Bundy last Sunday, drew 4,000 persons to four rallies against the National Council.

"Moderns and liberals hate the word fundamentalist, because it deals with the fundamental teachings of the Bible and because it means the fundamentals on which this country was founded," he told them.

REFERS TO PROFESSOR HERE

Churchmen who do not agree with his definition of fundamentals, he implied, are soft on communism.

He said a retired professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York had been identified as a Communist. He charged that the professor had been active in the National Council, which was not true.

"The National Council of Churches is on the same block in New York City as Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University," Major Bundy observed, and added: "Birds of a feather, eh?" His audience laughed. But officials of the Greater Houston Council of Churches think the situation is serious.

"There is a readiness of the people in this Bible Belt to accept these charges," the Rev. Virgil E. Lowder, executive director, said. "Most pastors are being pretty cautious about saying anything in rebuttal, for fear of reprisals."

The council decided it had to reply, and it did in a television talk by the Rev. John D. Craig, a Presbyterian minister and former president of the Houston Association of Ministers.

"Of course the Communists have tried to infiltrate the churches just as they have tried to infiltrate the business and professional groups," Mr. Craig declared. "But they have not been successful in the churches, because it is too hard for them to pretend to be Christians."

Criticism of the church councils comes from persons within as well as outside old-line churches.

W. Hume Everett, Houston division attorney for the Ohio Oil Company, has written to all vestrymen of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church asking them to withhold contributions from the local, state and national councils so long as they speak out on social affairs.

"They don't speak for me," he said in an interview.

"They support, without exception, all socialistic laws. The primary purpose of the local, state and national councils is not to promote the love of Jesus Christ but more government control."

Mr. Everett said he knew and had worked with Major Bundy.

"Bundy advises people to leave their churches, but I want to work inside the church. I want to persuade the pastors to leave us poor, dumb laymen to take care of politics, and take care of the spiritual guidance that will help us do this."

WIDENING EFFECTS

The attack has had an effect in other cities.

In Wichita, Kan., the board of deacons of the largest American Baptist Church in the country voted to cut off the church's \$33,000 contribution to the denomination in protest against its membership in the National Council.

While a reporter was in local church council offices in the Midwest, phone calls came in from ministers and laymen asking about the Communist charges and what would be done about them. Ministers reported their congregants confused and disturbed by the issue.

"This is the first time I've seen our clergy angry," the Rev. Laurence T. Hosie, executive secretary of the Greater Indianapolis Church Federation, said. "The whole American concept of the right to differ within your loyalty to the country is being challenged here."

The Indiana Area of the Methodist Church re-

ported that Communist charges concerning the authors of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible had led members of the Central Avenue (Indianapolis) Methodist Church to ask the minister to stop using it. The members said they did not want any "Red-oriented scripture."

American Legionnaires in a Presbyterian church were reported to have asked that funds be withheld from the denomination until it dropped its affiliation with the National Council.

The Legion, which has its national headquarters in Indianapolis, has taken no official stand on the Air Force manual, but the charges have been discussed at meetings in local posts.

Neil E. Wetterman, Americanism chairman of the Legion's Hamilton County (Cincinnati) Council, said the manual "certainly is an important part of the education concerning Communist infiltration, and we will be using it in lectures before the Kiwanis, P.T.A. and church groups."

He said he had used pamphlets by Mr. Lowman for reference when his committee had been asked if a person was a "good individual to have as a speaker."

The Circuit Riders pamphlets, which Mr. Lowman says are devoted exclusively to listings of "subversive affiliations" of clergymen and laymen, are distributed widely in and outside the Methodist denomination.

Church leaders in Cincinnati, Mr. Lowman's home, says he has been able to keep the issue alive in the area.

In an interview Mr. Lowman said he was glad the manual issue had come up.

"I think this controversy is the best thing that ever happened for conservative religion in this country," he said. "It's brought it down to a matter of survival for the National Council of Churches."

He said his only concern was that church facilities not be used for subversion or socialistic purposes.

"My position is that the National Council of Churches and its program addresses itself in the main to the grievances and the animal appetites of man," he went on. "The program, goes under the fancy title of 'social gospel.'"

"We are for a minister speaking out on any issues except the promotion of socialism, communism or pro-Communist activities."

Last year Mr. Lowman was paid \$4,500 by the Georgia Commission on Education as a "secret investigator" in its efforts, according to Gov. Marvin Grif-

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Box 156
Nehalem, Oregon
August 22, 1961

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI
Portland, Oregon

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Dear Sirs:

It seems that in this bay area we are having some real hate literature sent through the mails, and there is much word of mouth underhanded talk about the Communists and their infiltration into American churches.

I called your office on Sunday, August 6 about this and realize that a lot can go by the board as freedom of speech. At that time I told your man of [redacted] from Manzanita who seems to be the center of much of this.

I am about to get my church mailing out to around 300 people. I will mail a copy of the enclosed folder printed by the National Council of Churches. Also, I have asked the New York World-Telegram and Sun for a reprint or permission to reprint the enclosed article from their paper.

In this article the FBI is mentioned as having a Mr. William C. Sullivan out making speeches on this subject. I am asking you to let me know of the truth of this action, on the part of Mr. Sullivan. Has he been making such speeches as the articles states?

Thanks.

Sincerely yours

[redacted signature]

Nehalem Methodist Church

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ENCLOSURE 1

New York World-Tel~~am~~ and Sun, Saturday, April 29, 1961

Church and Religious News

FBI: Wide Communist Infiltration in Churches a 'Falsehood.'

Once again charges of Communistic infiltration are being hurled against U.S. churches. Here statements from FBI show how such wild claims by anti-Communist "vigilantes" are actually welcomed by the Reds.

By Louis Cassels, United Press International.

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No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches—sometimes openly, sometimes subtly—in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Undoubtedly they have tried in the past to infiltrate churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to leadership, particularly in the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. It is difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service required of any man who becomes an influential leader in U. S. church life.

Discredit Leadership.

Although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

Charge Is 'Falsehood.'

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

"But this is a paten falsehood. The truth is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press

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International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt, and fear among church members. Andx they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."

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Date: 8/24/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Portland (80-0)

SPEECHES BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN
PUBLIC RELATIONS *RELIGION*

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S. J. ...
McK...

There is attached a letter dated 8/22/61,
from [redacted] Nehalem Methodist Church,
Box 156, Nehalem, Oregon, together with the two enclosures
received therewith.

The letter and enclosures are self-explanatory.
I have acknowledged receipt of this letter and advised
[redacted] his letter is being forwarded to you for
direct reply.

I assume the Bureau will desire to be advised
of similar inquiries and that same should be referred to
Bureau for handling. Please advise only if this
assumption is incorrect.

3 Bureau (encs. 3)
1 Portland

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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Callahan _____
 Mr. Conrad _____
 Mr. DeLoach _____
 Mr. Evans _____
 Mr. Malone _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Sullivan _____
 Mr. Tavel _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
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 Mr. Ingram _____
 Miss Gandy _____

[Redacted]

Lowell, Ark.
 Sept. 1, 1961

Communit into
of Religion

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

In one of our local newspapers about two weeks ago, there was an article printed, entitled "FBI Refutes Charges of Communism Found in U. S. Churches". It stated that "statements from the FBI show how such wild claims by anti-communist "vigilantes" are welcomed by the Reds." This statement was pretaining to communist infiltration into American churches and the writer, Louis Cassels, United Press International columnist, was distributing this to delegates at the past meeting of the Presbytery of North Arkansas.

The article also stated that you had sent FBI Chief inspector, William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, "warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds."

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 Mr. Hoover, what we would like to know, as Christian Americans, have you sent this man, Sullivan around to do as stated above? And do you beleive that there is no danger from Reds infiltrating our churches? I have quite a lot of literature which says otherwise and according to Matt Cvetic, a former communist for the FBI we do have infiltration into our churches and I have read some of the major denominations' literature to teachers and to youngsters and it is very much in sympathy with communism. In Cvetic's book, "The Big Decision, on pages 51 and 52, he tells about infiltration and even about a communist who posed as a clergymen.

If the charges that there is infiltration into the churches is untrue, would you please tell us? And if they are true, will you tell us that also and send us literature or tell us where we can get it from one of the committees?

Also please tell us if you did send out this man Sullivan to do what he is doing.

We do want to commend and thank you for what you are doing in helping to preserve this great country that God has given us.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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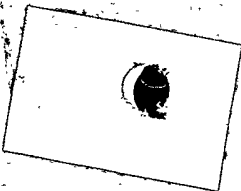
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REC'D - SULLIVAN
FBI - JUSTICE

[Redacted]

Nehalem Methodist Church
Box 156
Nehalem, Oregon

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 22, 1961, with enclosures which was addressed to our Portland Office has been referred to me.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, I would like to point out that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt the infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. I can assure you that Mr. Cassels' article is an accurate account of Assistant Director William Sullivan's discussion of communism.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Belmont _____
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Enclosure
Communism and Religion (William C. Sullivan)
Portland (80-0)

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Attention SAC: You should continue to refer similar inquiries to the Bureau.

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]
His enclosures consisted of the United Press International article
by Louis Cassels concerning Assistant Director William C. Sullivan's
discussion on communism and religion; and a copy of a pamphlet
captioned "... the Truth!" prepared by the National Council of
the Churches of Christ (NCCC) which defended NCCC policies. No
references to the Director or the FBI were noted. The NCCC includes
in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country.
Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to
support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist
controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated
the NCCC.

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August 31, 1961

[Redacted]
Baton Rouge, La.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.
Attn. Director J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am seeking any information that you may have (in pamphlet form), concerning the communist infiltration into the churches of this country. In particular, I am interested in the infiltration into the seminaries and divinity schools, the tactics used in thought control and any connection which you might have come upon between Communism and so called, Modernism which is now being taught in most seminaries.

RELIGION

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Please send one copy each of any of the above information that you may have to me, and one copy each to the following address.

[Redacted]
Mansfield La.

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

*Let's to [Redacted]
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Lowell, Arkansas

Dear [Redacted]:

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FBI

I have received your letter of September 1, and I want you to know that your expressions of confidence in my administration of this Bureau are indeed appreciated. I welcome the opportunity to clarify our position with respect to the matter you mentioned.

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It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that our churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

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I would also like to point out that representatives of this Bureau who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing an outline of

Mr. Sullivan's remarks as well as some other material on communism you may care to read.

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- Belmont _____
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- DeLoach _____
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- Sullivan _____
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan (Tenor of Remarks)

God and Country or Communism? (American Legion Magazine, 11/57)

An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA
(Reprint from LEB, March, 1960)

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals (Christianity
Today Series, October 10, and 24, and November 7, 1960)

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion (Christianity Today, 6/22/59)

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent.

August 31, 1961

[Redacted]
Baton Rouge, La.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.
Attn. Director J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover;

RELIGION

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Please send one copy each of any of the above information that you may have to me, and one copy each to the following addresses;

(1) [Redacted]
Keithville, La.

(2) [Redacted]
General Delivery
Slaughter Post Office
Slaughter, La.

(3) [Redacted]
Baton Rouge, La.

(4) [Redacted]
Baton Rouge, La.

(5) [Redacted]
Baton Rouge, La.

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature block]

BATON ROUGE, LA.

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Following enclosures sent to those named by without cover letter on 9-7-61:

- The Deadly Contest
- Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan
- 4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
- Christianity Today Series
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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[Redacted]

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of August 31, 1961, has been received, and the thought prompting your communication is appreciated.

With respect to your request, I am enclosing material along the lines you desire. In addition, I have forwarded a copy of each of these reprints to

[Redacted]

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
The Deadly Contest
Communism and Religion by William C. Sullivan.
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
Christianity Today Series
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with correspondent.
See letter of same date to [Redacted]

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *JFB*

DATE: September 11, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf *JHK*

SUBJECT: COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Kleinkauf

Chicago letter 8/17/61 captioned "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties; IS - C" (Bufile 100-434917-61) furnished a copy of "A Call to Action in Defense of the Constitution of the United States for the Preservation of the Bill of Rights" disclosing that a National Assembly for Democratic Rights (NADR) would be held 9/23-24/61 in New York City. NADR is an activity initiated and controlled by the Communist Party (CP), USA, to carry on a propaganda campaign concerning the decision of the Supreme Court on 6/5/61 against the CP.

A review of the "Call" disclosed a list of sponsors for this affair, several of whom are ministers. There is set forth below the identities of such ministers together with comments concerning review of Bufiles concerning same.

[redacted] - Possibly identical with the [redacted] East Middlebury, Vermont who is a Professor Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Never investigated by Bureau. Not on Security Index (SI). Active in communist fronts in the past.

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[redacted] - Never investigated by Bureau. Not on SI. Baltimore, Maryland Active in communist fronts. See 100-50869-396 for summary prepared on [redacted] in the past.

[redacted] - Never investigated by Bureau. Not on SI. Stoughton, Massachusetts Active in American Committee for Protection of Foreign Brn (ACFPB), designated pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10450. *CS*

[redacted] - Subject of Bufile 100-232727. Not on SI. Identified as CP member in past. Arlington, Massachusetts Active in communist fronts.

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 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
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[redacted] - Not identifiable in Bufiles due to
Rochester, New York limited identifying data available.

[redacted] - Subject of Bufile 100-403325. Not on SI.
Detroit, Michigan Active in communist fronts.

[redacted] - Subject of Bufile 100-190254. On SI.
Detroit, Michigan Active in communist fronts.

Rev. Leroy Waterman - Never investigated by Bureau. Not on SI.
Ann Arbor, Michigan Active in communist fronts in the past.
Summary of data in Bufiles contained in
"Brief on Religion."

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Rev. Stephen Fritchman - Subject of Bufile 100-243141. On SI.
Glendale, California Active in communist fronts.

Rev. J. Pierce Newell - Never investigated by Bureau. Not on SI.
Madison, New Jersey Active in communist fronts. See 100-
403529-171 for summary of data in Bufiles.


[redacted] - Subject of Bufile 62-20932. On SI.
Conway, New Hampshire Active in communist fronts.


[redacted] - Subject of Bufile 100-349525, On Reserve
Ardsley, New York Index A. Active in communist fronts.

Rev. William Howard Melish - Subject of Bufile 65-50930. On SI.
Brooklyn, New York Active in communist fronts.


Rev. Richard Morford - Subject of Bufile 100-191710. On SI.
New York City Active in communist fronts, particularly
National Council of American-Soviet
Friendship (NCASF) designated pursuant
to EO 10450.

Memo to Mr. Baumgardner
Re: Communism and Religion
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 - Subject of Bufile 100-246705. Not on SI. Active in CP affairs in past. Active in communist fronts.
unknannock, Pennsylvania

 - Subject of Bufile 105-13144. Not on SI. Associate of CP members. Active in communist fronts.
Berkeley, California

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 - Subject of Bufile 100-378992. Not on SI. No evidence of CP membership.
Sacramento, California

ACTION:

Submitted for record and filing purposes in Bufile 100-403529 on "Communism and Religion."

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. [unclear]	✓
Miss [unclear]	✓

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~~EXP. PROC.~~
SEP 5 1961

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau
of Investigation
United States Dept. of Justice

Dear Director Hoover, Religion

My purpose in writing to you is to clarify once and for all whether or not there is any basis for assuming that there is communist infiltration in churches as has been founded in the educational field, the press, nationality minority groups, civil and political units, cultural groups and the radio, television, and motion picture industries.

According to an article appearing in the Brooklyn Tablet dated June 17, 1961; churches were included. However a statement by Chief F.B.I. Inspector William C. Sullivan has many people believing no communist infiltration in the churches exists at all.

Persons who abhor the House Committee on Un-American Activities such as the Rev. Eldred Johnston recently wrote in the August 1, 1961 Epistle the following:-

OCCASIONALLY YOU WILL FIND SOMEONE SO UNBALANCED that they charge our last president with being a Communist dupe or charge churches with being infiltrated. "The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control, or influence over American clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale." So said Chief F.B.I. Inspector William C. Sullivan, as reported by Louis Cassels in a recent U.P.I. story. Such allegations that communists have infiltrated the churches, "is a patent falsehood". Mr. Cassels goes on to report "F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed 'vigilantes' may, in the name of anti-communism, play into the communists' hands." This is because communists like it when charges are made that they have infiltrated the churches.

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Director Hoover, I am not any self-appointed 'vigilante' or a member of the John Birch Society, I do have an anti-Communist study group and my library consists of many of your reports and the reports of the investigating committees of both the House and Senate; I believe in presenting the facts and not opinions. I fully realize opinions can sometimes be dangerous when attempting to teach others of the Communist conspiracy.

However, when I had attempted some time ago to show [redacted] of St. Marks Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Road, Columbus 21, Ohio documented publications on such Episcopalian clergy as Bankroft, Melish, Bowie, [redacted] just to mention a few who have extensive pro-Communist records, [redacted] scoffed it off as propaganda and refused to even examine the documented publications.

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[redacted] has nothing but praise for persons deeply involved with the Communist conspiracy, he has told me there is no such thing as separation of Church and State, that he does not believe in it; he favors admission of RED China into the U.N., sees nothing wrong with negroes and whites marrying, favors the Blake-Pike merge and believes as [redacted] that Christ was the son of Joseph, has replaced the King James version of the bible with the R.S.V. version on the pulpit; is an ardent supporter of the National as well of the World Council of Churches and admitted seeing nothing wrong with Communists being members of the World Council of Churches; he is violently opposed to the HCUA. After a three hour session with [redacted] a few months ago I was convinced that his socialistic preaching from the pulpit was in accordance with his true beliefs.

To make matters worse when I questioned his assistant [redacted] regarding the article appearing in the Epistle, [redacted] informed me he has a Communist-front record and said "so what" when I mentioned the Rev. Melish he informed me he is a great admirer of Melish and would defend him any time. I reminded him Melish had been identified as a Communist and is one of the heads of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Committee. He replied he was getting mad and could no longer speak to me that Melish was a fine person. I told him defending Melish is not too different from defending the Communist Party...that ended our telephone conversation. This conversation took place just this afternoon and I will write to the HCUA to find out his record.

Please answer my letter and give me some guidance as to what to do about the situation and a definite statement whether or not infiltration does exist in the churches.

[redacted]
Columbus 21 Ohio

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (RM)

DATE: 9/11/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10602)

SUBJECT:

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ReBulet 8/31/61 to [redacted]

[redacted] Dallas, Texas, copy to Dallas, with enclosures consisting of copies of communications directed by [redacted] to the Director, to the "Subversive Organization Section" of the Department, and a reply she received in response to the latter.

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memo setting forth results of an interview with [redacted] wherein the individual concerning whom she complained was identified as the captioned subject.

Since the subject evidently is an alien, a copy of the enclosure is being made available to INS, Dallas.

The party mentioned in the enclosure who reportedly wanted to make a talk against communism, and who was told by subject this matter was too controversial, was identified by [redacted] as one [redacted] Richardson, Texas, and the one who was told by subject U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT was a biased publication, and to whom the three other mentioned publications were allegedly recommended, was identified by her as [redacted] Dallas, Texas.

In view of the nebulous and nonspecific nature of the information given by [redacted] and the subject's position as pastor of a responsible religious congregation in Dallas, the above named parties are not being interviewed, and no further action is contemplated by the DLFD. There are no references identifiable with subject in the indices of the DLFD.

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JAMES R. THOMPSON

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On September 8, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] Dallas, Texas, who requested her name not be re-
vealed outside official quarters, voluntarily furnished the
following information:

Subject is pastor of the church James R. Thompson & APPROX. 1906-1911
attends, City Temple Presbyterian Church, Akard at Patterson,
Dallas, Texas, and has been there for about the past three
years. He came to the United States from Scotland some five
years ago [redacted] believes, and for the succeeding two
years worked at some school in the state of Maine, name and
exact address not known. Subject is 50-55 years of age,
married, two children, medium build, ruddy complexion, blue
eyes, hair receding and gray.

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When first called to the above church by the elders,
subject stated he intended to become a citizen of the United
States, but when asked recently by a member of the congregation
whether he was now a citizen he answered in the negative, and
when further queried as to whether he still intended to become
one, he again answered negatively, without explanation and
rather brusquely. [redacted] presumes subject is in the
United States on some type of permanent residence-basis, but
has no exact detail on this.

[redacted] could put her finger on nothing
especially tangible as a basis for a distrust she has developed
concerning subject. When the Freedom Forum was held in Dallas
a number of months ago one of the church members wanted to pass
out leaflets advertising this in front of the church after
Sunday service, but subject, saying "this is not the time for
that type activity," denied permission for this. On another
later occasion a different church member asked permission to
make a talk against communism at a meeting of church women, but
subject counseled against this, saying the matter was of too
controversial a nature. Another individual, while discussing

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some matter with subject, quoted an item from U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, and subject allegedly remarked this publication is "biased," and recommended this party read NEW REPUBLIC, THE PROGRESSIVE, and THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY. [redacted] knows nothing of any of these publications personally, but said she did have information from a man associated with the CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE that the CHRISTIAN CENTURY was "extremely liberal," and from this she deduces the other two are in the same category.

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According to some members of the congregation with whom [redacted] has discussed subject, he has commented he is "a socialist," but she has no information as to why he considers himself such. [redacted] has no knowledge of any statements or expressed sentiment of subject indicative of un-American inclinations except he is supposed on one occasion to have said "the Russian people are better off under communism than they were under the czars." She finds no fault with his sermons, and her opinion of him, according to her own definition, is based more on his apparent reluctance to take a positive and vocal stand against communism, than on any overt acts in support or advocacy of it.

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Columbus 21, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of August 31, 1961, has been received. I can understand your concern about communism, and I welcome the opportunity to clarify our position with respect to the matter you mentioned.

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It is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt infiltration of every part of our society, including religion. Fortunately, this evil conspiracy has not made any substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions. Patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing an outline of Mr. Sullivan's remarks, together with some other literature pertaining to communism which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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**NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent,
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Sincerely

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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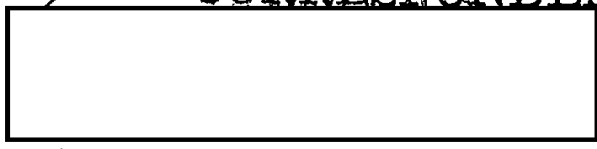
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THE CHURCHES AND COMMUNISM

Text of an address by
REV. DR. EUGENE CARSON BLAKE,
Stated Clerk
The United Presbyterian Church
in the U.S.A.

Delivered at:
West Adams Presbyterian Church
Los Angeles, California

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It was Adolf Hitler who perfected first the technique of the "big lie." He proved that falsehood repeated enough could brainwash a whole people, no matter how absurd the falsehood might appear to the rational mind.

Los Angeles Presbytery, along with its churches, is being subjected to the "big lie" technique by the current rash of charges that the churches, particularly protestant churches, and the ministry, particularly protestant ministers, have been widely infiltrated by communism.

Louis Cassels of United Press International wrote in the "New York World Telegram" and elsewhere on last April 29th: "FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed 'vigilantes' may, in the name of anti-communism, play into communists' hands.

"During the past few weeks, Mr. Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun by Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Mr. Sullivan says.

"But this is a patent falsehood. The truth is that the Communist Party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen, or religious institutions on a national scale."

Mr. Cassels continues: "Mr. Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Mr. Hoover. And the FBI Director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters who wrote him protesting Mr. Sullivan's speeches."

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I know of no stronger or more recent third-party evidence that I can quote to make it perfectly clear that the widespread allegations of communist infiltration of the Protestant ministry, of the leadership of our Church, or of the National Council of Churches is brazen falsehood. If any of you have been worried by these charges, I hope you are convinced. And may I go further and remind you that repeating these slanders and libels or even gossiping about them makes you an accessory to the conspiracy which is attempting to weaken the influence of your pulpits, your churches, and your councils, locally and nationally.

I remind you that we have traced to their sources these lies. I do not intend to list them for you again since nothing pleases these "Apostles of Discord" more than to receive publicity which they cannot get on their own when a churchman names them. Of all the letters I received after my sermon of a few weeks ago in Santa Barbara on this same topic was one from one of these sources of falsehood, complaining that I had left him out of my listing. My reason was that he and his pamphlets were not listed on the single sheet of calumny that formed the basis of my sermon outline, the text of which was "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." He should have made his complaint to the anonymous cowards who printed and circulated the poison sheets to the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara. But we can identify quite easily the original sources of the lies. You can tell your people that the chances are better than ten to one that any church story is false that is dated Tulsa, Oklahoma; Collingswood, New Jersey; Madison, Wisconsin; Cincinnati, Ohio; or Wheaton, Illinois. Most of the alleged facts go back to the McCarthy era or earlier, have been denied and disproved again and again.

How is it then that they still trouble us? Partly because the big lie technique does not depend on facts. But partly now because the old lies are being actively circulated by the same people who were McCarthy's stooges a few years ago, but are now reorganized into typical totalitarian cells of disruption under a retired candy manufacturer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The illogic of this whole campaign has been again and again illustrated by the man's own words. In effect he says that you can't trust anybody, not the President, nor the State Department, not the Army, not any politicians, certainly not the newspapers, or the preachers, therefore trust me. His argument to trust him is that he has "a nose for communists."

When his more than usually fantastic charge was publicized that former President Eisenhower was a communist, most even of his followers realized he had gone too far, but their lack of logic and commonsense made them say, "I don't agree that President Eisenhower is a communist, but mostly I still agree." When a totalitarian scoundrel is caught charging falsely that one distinguished patriot is a communist, or communist dupe, the only logical conclusion is not, "he has gone too far," but rather "This proves that he does not in any respect know what he is talking about."

The other reason for the current increase in the circulation and acceptance of these false charges about communist infiltration is the fact that generally speaking the American people are frightened. Things have not been going well in the "cold war." Cuba and Laos have taken a good deal of hope and confidence from the American people. This real ground of fear of communist success is a fertile field for planting seeds of distrust. We are all happy to find a scapegoat.

Let me repeat what I have often said and most deeply believe. Free pulpits and free churches all across this land are the best bulwark against communism that the nation owns.

I am not really fearful that our Church will be mortally hurt by the attacks against us. What I do fear is that we will become so busy defending ourselves that we will not make the contribution we should to true Americanism in our several communities and in the nation as a whole. Our Churches in every community should be inspiring the community to support the U.N. as man's best hope for peace and freedom. Our churches in every community should be taking the lead in support of the public schools against those who are trying to disrupt them by making false charges against the best and most conscientious teachers we have. Our churches should be busy preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news of God that alone will give us the courage to face the real threats to our nation and our culture and civilization.

I come here today to my own Presbytery at your invitation to urge you to get off the defensive and in every church to begin the attack that our nation needs to be protected from those who in their fear of communism would destroy American freedom.

If these attackers of freedom have infiltrated Presbyterian Sessions, the Presbytery has power to go in to the support of courageous preachers who will preach the truth. If these enemies of freedom have infiltrated our membership, sessions have the power and duty to discipline members who slander the Church of Jesus Christ by false charges of communism.

Now it is true that our gospel is not always popular. It is true that some of our members and even our officers may be worried to hear the Christian gospel preached. But I urge you ministers and elders not to be afraid to stand for your faith. Let me suggest what our Biblical faith is - even though I shall have time to set it forth in outline only. You ought to write your own sermons.

1. All Christians, worthy of the name believe in God as revealed in Jesus Christ. If we really believe in the sovereign living God, why should the communist conspiracy or its totalitarian and fascist cousins make us afraid. Let us encourage our people to trust God, speak the truth, and believe in the victory of righteousness that Christ has already won.

2. All Christians worthy of the name know that love rather than hate is the most powerful weapon. Let us remember that Jesus said, "Love your enemies." Let us not be afraid to preach Christ even if some will charge you with being weak or stupid. What hope has the Christian pulpit of being respected if the preacher is afraid to preach Biblical truth. What else are you preachers paid your salaries for? Will you let your pulpits become soft echoes of the worst prejudices of your people?

3. All Christians worthy of the name know that the Christian faith is not simply an American faith, but one which is world-wide. Stand up for the United Nations. Make clear why you hate communist ideology, but don't hate the Russian people, or even the Soviet government. Tell your people why from Christian grounds we ought to help the poor nations out of our abundance. Remind them that the

Christian faith is concerned about all men, Russians, Latin Americans, Negroes, Mexicans, as well as stupid and decadent white Protestants. Don't pull your punches. Some will get into trouble - for sure - so did Jesus Christ. Don't let the doctors make you afraid to challenge them to provide better medical care for old people. Don't let your realtors keep you silent about housing or about open covenants of occupancy for all races. Do you think we dare let the communists be the only friends of the poor and the hungry and the disinherited?

Surely be persuasive if you can. But don't expect that the gospel will ever win a popularity contest.

In addition to these general Christian truths that we are obligated to preach, let us remember our Presbyterian heritage and stand up for it as well.

We Presbyterians believe that constitutional representative government is the right way for free men to govern themselves under God in both Church and State. Don't let anybody get away with challenging that heritage in the Presbyterian Church.

We Presbyterians believe that our religion, both individual and corporate, ought to bear upon the whole realm of human life. Don't let anybody silence you or make you afraid to apply the gospel to economics, politics, social ethics, or anything else that is controversial.

We Presbyterians believe in a sovereign God, strong enough to accomplish His will in the face of Satan and all his cohorts. Let's begin to behave as if we did believe it. Surely we are not promised that such a course will be easy or pleasant, or successful. We don't know about what God's will may be for us. But we do know that if we are faithless in our times of trial, there is no hope but that God himself must repudiate us as faithless servants.

Let's move in to the battle. Let us so behave that the world may note what we say and do and perhaps be drawn to Jesus Christ, because they see that we are His.

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September 8, 1961

[Redacted]

Alhambra, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated August 31, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

I regret that I cannot answer your specific inquiry, but the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am familiar, however, with the statements made by Assistant Director William C. Sullivan. In his discussions of communism, he has dealt with the subject accurately and objectively. Any remarks by a representative of this Bureau should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI.

I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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